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"The most obvious effect on the factory organism has been to weld it closer together as a mechanical power while dispersing it more widely as an economic fact, and to confer an increasing power on mere capital (as such), manœuvred quite apart from, and often even in opposition to, the interest of the capitalist employer (entrepreneur). The conduct of business even fifty years ago was very different from now. 'England was rather an aggregate of isolated districts and disunited towns than one animated, close, compact kingdom. Each city was dependent on the country in its neighbourhood for food supplies, and many a district, and the country in the country rich in mineral or agricultural wealth, lay neglected because far from seaport or canal.' The England of to-day is all the opposite of this. It is one huge congeries, composed of various members, literally bound together with links of iron, and in instantaneous communication with every other member, and with the whole world. In face of such changes the whole world. In face of such changes the factory system tends to become not only more impersonal than ever (the employer, for instance, living no longer at, or perhaps near his works, and visiting them it may be only occasionally); it tends also to be less the superlative factor in wealth creation that it was. For, of this system of great industry, partly founded on capitalist production and partly on extraordinary facilities of communication, the factory system is now but one available member, a mesh in the ever-widening web of combined and divided labour typified by the endless miles of iron road and telegraph wire that environ it. The factory itself is but one of several productive instruitself is but one of several productive instru-ments; the line of steamships, mine, or cotton plantation; all of which may be in the same ownership, and all of which alike claim intimate attention. The successful employer is no longer he who bustles about among his workpeople and customers, as formerly, but one who in studious retirement can calculate minute quantities with the nicest accuracy, and is the greatest master of the movements of the market. Competition is not among a comparatively few employers, and between a growing and decaying mode of manufacture; it is co-extensive with every method of employment practised under what-ever conditions of political and economical com pulsion in every quarter of the globe. The old type of factory master is indeed almost as extinct as the old machinery. His individuality was first merged in the mere capitalist, his very identity is lost now in the Limited Liability Company or financial Syndicate."

Mr. Taylor's later chapters raise many controversial points which need not be discussed in these columns. He disposes

rather too flippantly of the eight hours' question; but economists who think that we have already gone far enough in the direction of State regulation of labour will be alarmed by some of his proposals for further inter-ference. He rightly urges that there is only a difference in degree between the largest factory in which thousands of labourers are employed, and the smallest room in which a single man or woman toils for another's profit and is liable to be unfairly treated. Indeed, as appears from recent disclosures about "sweating," about the sufferings of shop-girls and domestic "slaveys," and much else, there is as great need for reform in trades and callings outside the purview of our factory inspectors as in the establishments they are already empowered to visit; and seeing that we now have Workshop Regulation Acts as well as Factory Acts, it may be reasonably contended that we also ought to have a Shop Hours Act, and at least a score of kindred measures to befriend the victims in every sort and grade of labour. But by the time that Mr. Taylor's ideal of legislative interference is reached we may all be so hampered and controlled as to have no liberties left to us, and, unless our entire army and police force is diverted to this service, quite as numerous a staff of factory and workshop inspectors may have to be appointed to see that we do not break any of the new laws that hedge us round.

Some of Mr. Taylor's other ideals can be looked forward to with more satisfaction. The electricians may never be able, as he hopes, to obtain from the sun-rays, or even from the tides, a "transformed mechanical power" which will displace coal and steam engines, and provide every cottager with the means of establishing a factory—literally, a manufactory-within his own walls. signs are not wanting that the system of monster factories, which has reached its present enormous proportions largely by the aid of science, will not last and grow for ever. Science, which has crippled so many handicrafts, is already coming to their assistance, and the æsthetic tendencies of the day are in the same direction. By cheapening and multiplying tools, simplifying machinery, and bringing motors of some kind to our doors, the inventors could render possible such a revival of domestic industries and such a return to old arrangements, under altered conditions, as would put an end to the factory system and all its evils, while leaving us all the solid benefits we have derived from it. Mr. Taylor's dream of a new "power" to be discovered, "over which the honest workman would have command to the extent of his needs alike with the richest capitalist," is fascinating, and, he says, "under present cir-cumstances can scarcely be called extravagant." And he adds :-

"Should that time come, the end of the Modern Factory System will have been reached. What form the industrial organism that will supplant it may assume cannot be easily foreseen, though we are not without some hints of its probable lineaments. It is unlikely that concentration of labour would be carried much farther in manufacture, the particular necessity for it having thus ceased. It is tolerably certain that machinery would play an increasingly large part in production, but increasingly too for the benefit of all engaged in producing. Nearly equally certain is it that the motive power

employed in manufacture would be no longer the monopoly of the capitalist, but at the disposal of the municipality, commune, or other local body. The social organisation would be probably of a much more associative kind, tending towards, if not actually realising, true coperation. That familiar edifice the factory of the modern era, with its bare, bleak, grimy walls, visibly palpitating in all its parts, and vomiting black smoke, will have likewise passed away, and with it many characteristic features dwelt on in this narrative. In particular will have passed away the special need for factory legislation, for all legislation dealing with industrial production in an exceptional manner, the requisite counterpoise to the despotism of capital being present in some far more comprehensive form."

Readers for whom Mr. Taylor's more ambitious work is too long may learn much from Miss Jeans's little volume. As a concise review of English factory legislation since 1850, and of its actual and prospective effects on the textile and other industries of the country, it is none the worse for being free from the "fine writing" that one generally looks for in prize essays.

My Canadian Leaves: an Account of a Visit to Canada in 1864-1865. By Frances E. O. Monck. (Bentley & Son.)

My Canadian Journal, 1872-1878: Extracts from my Letters Home written while Lord Dufferin was Governor-General. By the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. With Illustrations from Sketches by Lord Dufferin, Portraits, and Map. (Murray.) THERE is no preface to the first of these works, and the reader is left to guess the position which the Honourable Mrs. Monck occupied while in Canada. Some persons may not be acquainted with the state of things in Canada twenty-six years ago, and it would have been useful to state that the "G.G." who is frequently referred to was Lord Monck, the Governor-General, and that "Dick" was his brother, who was lieutenantcolonel in the Coldstream Guards, aide-decamp to him, and the husband of the writer. The visit which Mrs. Monck paid to Canada was a subject about which she found plenty to write in her journal, but the entries contain very little that is of general interest. She chronicles on the 24th of September that "they all want to read my journals"; if she had gratified the curiosity of her friends, they might have advised her not to publish them.

While the interesting facts are few in number the manner of their presentation does not gratify the reader. Many things may be put in writing without reflection or harm which should never appear in print. After describing her visit to Boston, Mrs. Monck adds, "We passed the Cambridge of Yankeedom; I think it is also called Cambridge." Since these words were penned she might have learnt that Harvard University is at Cambridge. It is a little more serious and discreditable when she writes, "We then went to Bunker's Hill, where is a ridiculously ugly monument in honour of a victory gained by the Yankees over the English." The monument is ugly; the fight at Bunker Hill is talked about in America as if it were a victory; but, if Mrs. Monck had read any trustworthy account of the fight, she would have learnt that the English soldiers were the victors. If she

had wondered at the erection of a monument in these circumstances she would have given expression to a natural and perfectly accurate sentiment. Is any one benefited by reading such entries as the following? "I hate him [her husband] in a cocked hat"; "The G.G. rode, also Dick in his nasty cocked hat. It was a pretty sight—the review, I mean, not Dick"; "I detest croquet"; "I know nothing at all about the war [between the North and the South] and never shall understand it"; "I told Mr. Goldwin Smith before I crossed the Atlantic I agreed with him about giving up the Colonies"; "The Rev. Mr. Botwood read so nice and fast"; "The G.G. showed us the plans just received of Rideau Hall. the horrid Ottawa Government House. How I wish the Parliament Houses were burnt down!" "Dick found my room seventy degrees, so he cruelly opened the window, and in less than five minutes brought it down to fifty-six degrees. Cruel man!" "Mr. Gilmour, when he goes to England, goes to Hull, Liverpool, Glasgow, and all those horrid seaport places"; "We had the usual oyster pies at supper. The very look of them makes me feel sick." Trivialities expressed in emphatic phrase such as those of which specimens have just been given may be harmless when spoken or when committed to writing for private reading, but they do not deserve reproduc-tion. Mrs. Monck is neither very happy nor judicious in characterizing the persons whom she met. According to her the late Darcy McGee looked "like a wild Indian"; an unnamed man was "the image of a cat," and an "American elderly lady had about forty curls on each side of her head; she looked like a tree with branches." The late George Brown and Sir George Cartier are more fairly and pleasantly characterized: "The G.G. introduced Mr. Brown to me. He is to become a new Minister, and is very nice-looking, tall, and greyish, with a Ponsonby face. M. Cartier is the funniest of little men."

Lord Lyons seems to have been one of Mrs. Monck's favourites; perhaps it is as well he has not survived to learn that she has recorded his telling her "he loved a circus better than anything—that he went twenty-five days running to a circus in Italy, and always to see the same things done." The impression which remains on the mind after reading this copious record of a year's residence in Canada is that Mrs. Monck suffered often from headache; that she was greatly afraid of thunder, and took refuge in a cellar whenever she heard a peal; that she had a horror of the sea, and always suffered when it was rough. These are weaknesses which she shares in common with thousands of her sex; but it is not necessary to set them forth in print. It was not her fault, perhaps, that the beer which she chronicles is very small, nor do we blame her for not possessing the gift of giving a charm to the most trivial details. There may have been many good reasons for her keeping a journal, yet we cannot imagine one which justifies its publication.

The Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava's 'Canadian Journal' is a very different work from Mrs. Monck's 'Canadian Leaves.' While Mrs. Monck seems to delight in setting forth her failings and prejudices, the

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Marchioness displays her capacity for enjoying life and making herself at home in all places and with all persons. She had many adventures during which she felt nervous and unhappy, but she went through them with a stoicism worthy of a Roman matron. Though the reverse of at ease during a perilous drive to Kamloops, she gave no outward token of her feelings, and she elicited the compliment from the driver of the coach that "she hadn't a scare in her."

She explains in the preface that the success of her 'Indian Journal' has induced her to publish her Canadian one, both being composed to serve as weekly letters to her mother. She avoided all political subjects, dealing only with those of daily and social life which specially concerned her. She had plenty of occupation as wife of the Governor-General, and her task was discharged with as much conscientiousness and success as his. At the first sight of Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor-General at Ottawa, she was not favourably impressed, and her account of her feelings is a good specimen of her style. The following was written on the 27th of June, 1872:—

"We arrived at Ottawa, the first view of which is magnificent; but once landed there was no time to look at anything! There were nine addresses to be listened to, and after them we drove off to our new home!.....We have been so very enthusiastic about everything hitherto that the first sight of Rideau Hall did lower our spirits just a little! The road to it is rough and ugly, the house appears to me to be at the land's end, and there is no view whatever from it, though it is near the river—and we have come through hundreds of miles of splendid scenery to get to it! Then I have never lived in a Government House before, and the inevitable bare tables and ornamentless rooms have a depressing effect: for the first time I realize that I have left my own home for many years—and this is its substitute!"

On the following day Lady Dufferin

"Please forget the above growl. The morning has brought more cheerful reflections. We are not intended to live here at midsummer, and I daresay that in winter this place looks lovely! Our house is, they say, very warm and comfortable, and the Houses of Parliament—which, after all, I do see from my windows—are very beautiful. And I can cover up the tables and supply the homey look which at present is wanting—so why did I grumble?"

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The foregoing extracts are characteristic, and they serve to make us understand why Lady Dufferin always gets on well wherever her lot is cast. She may perceive the dark side of the cloud, but her desire is to wait till the bright one presents itself and then to regard it as representing the whole. It is on record that her popularity in Canada was second only to that of her husband, if not on a par with his; it could not be greater, and the clue is found in a short passage describing the first reception which she gave there, the place being the St. Lawrence Hall Hotel in Montreal:—

"I find Canadian society very easy to get on with: the people talk, and they are very simple and natural, and willing to be pleased; so that receiving seventy or eighty total strangers is made a pleasant instead of an arduous task—as it might be."

An incidental touch shows how her husband contributed to make himself so popular.

He attended a fancy ball in the skating rink at Montreal the first winter which he spent there, put on a domino, and joined the skaters who went through dances on the ice:—

"The spectators lined the walls. We were torn away to have some supper, and after it I sat on the upper balcony to see the general effect. They danced another set of lancers, and 'Sir Roger de Coverley.' I am sure that if they had not turned the Governor-General out, by playing 'God Save the Queen,' I never should have been able to get him away, he enjoyed it so much."

Lord Dufferin was fond of fishing, and his wife learned how to handle a rod, and she became as expert as he in hooking and landing salmon. The fishing expeditions involved living in a way which must have been trying to any delicately nurtured woman, but which Lady Dufferin appears to have endured in the spirit of a feminine Mark Tapley. She might have been excused for bemoaning her lot in such a case as the following, where she contents herself with drawing an excellent word picture, and where she unconsciously reveals the pleasantest side of her nature:—

"Dinner—fireside—bed! Alas! bed is not the end. There was frost to-night, and the limited supply of blankets was terrible. I woke at one, very cold, got up, and dressed in all my clothes, and lay down again; but not to sleep. I shivered till four, and at this early hour on Sunday morning might have been found sitting at a great wood fire out of doors: a tent on my right, where sleeps my friend [Lady Harriet Fletcher]; behind me a wooden house, where sleep my husband, brother, and the Colonel; to the left a section of a tent, jutting out of which may be seen the feet of sleeping men; one—who is awake—attends to my fire; a dog lies by, the river rolls along in the background. In this picture I may be represented reading a novel; the primeval forest extends itself on either side of me."

After having acquired the art of salmon fishing, Lady Dufferin frequently practised it. Some of her descriptions are models. One of our most popular novelists, who is a master of the rod as well as the pen, and who skilfully depicts some of his personages at work with rod and line, has never penned a more graphic paragraph than this:—

"Lord Dufferin wanted me to fish in the afternoon, so about five o'clock we went again to the nameless pool. I stood up in the canoe, a man at each end keeping it steady with poles, and began to throw my fly. The fish did not come, so we changed the bait, and tried 'Jock Scot' and 'King Coffee.' This royal personage was large and gaudy, and had, alas! a very big hook. 'A rise!' 'He's on!' Then I stand firm, and my friend jumps several times up in the air; but I hold him well in hand, and suddenly he spits out my fly, and is gone! Again we go up and down the pool with 'King Coffee,' and then we try the 'Silver Doctor,' and at seven o'clock another fish is on! This one simply tugs; he keeps a steady pull on all the time, and I do the same by him, and take care to give him no rest, but wind him up every time he attempts to lie quiet; once he jumps, and they say he is a large one. This game goes on for some time, and then my friend thinks he will take me down the rapids. I am still standing in the canoe, but keeping firm by pressing my knees against the bar across it. We went down half a mile hand-in-hand like this, and I began to feel that it was a question which of us would be exhausted first. A salmon rod with a fish at the end of it is no joke! I began 'to wish he were dead,' and to say to

myself that I never would go through such an anxiety again, for the fish is never safe till he is in the boat. At last we gaffed him, brought him safely to his death, weighed him, and found him twenty-six pounds—the largest caught here this year; so I am very proud of my success. The nameless pool is now the 'Countess Pool.'"

Lady Dufferin saw a good deal of the United States as well as nearly the whole of Canada, and her impressions of both are set forth in a genial fashion. She was ready to find something to praise wherever she went, and her good nature is always apparent. But she had a sharp eye for the ridiculous, and it was not from lack of power that she seldom indulged in satiric touches. Her capacity is shown in the sketch of a lady whom she met when dining with the late Mr. Stewart in New York one Sunday:—

"There was a lady there who was just like a conventional Yankee on the stage. She announced, first, that she had told her husband she would never put on black for him, as she meant to marry again as quick as ever she could. Then she informed me in a light and cheerful manner that she had had convulsions every Sunday since January, and that this was the first occasion upon which she had not been ill! She next proceeded to tell her domestic troubles, and how she had had to get a policeman to turn her cook out of her house. When she had got so far, a more fashionable person came up, and would talk 'Opera' to me, so I heard no more."

We shall make but one more extract. The following is doubly interesting, as it furnishes an account of the late Laurence Oliphant and his wife when they were the guests of Lord and Lady Dufferin at Ottawa, the late Charles Kingsley and his daughter being then inmates of Government House:—

"Tuesday, 7th April, 1874.—D. walked into Ottawa and in the street met Mr. Laurence Oliphant, whom he asked to come to us at once, and to bring his wife. He is very pleasant, and she is a sweet pretty little woman, very chatty. They both belong to a curious sect, headed by a Mr. Harris. They have no objections to talking about it to us, but she tells me that in the community they never speak of religion, that they have no church, no services, and that every member believes, or rather disbelieves, what he likes. They look upon Mr. Harris as a 'moral doctor,' and all their efforts in a 'good' direction are employed in conquering their own faults by their own efforts—and Mr. Harris's prescriptions; they also believe that their prophet actually suffers physical pain when his followers offend, and that they know when they do wrong themselves by a peculiar sensation in the throat. They consider themselves bound to spend all they have; not merely to give to charitable institutions, but to distribute it personally. They live in a district where they have farms, and the members all help each other as they can..... I like both her and him very much; and certainly their faith in what they do believe, are wonderful."

The Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava deserves thanks for having given her 'Canadian Journal' to the world. The only adverse comment which we have to make is that it ought to have been published fifteen years ago. The illustrations from sketches by Lord Dufferin are excellent; but there are too few of them. The map is useful, and the index would be useful also if it were not so meagre.

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Études sur l'Espagne. Par A. Morel Fatio. Deuxième Série. (Paris, Bouillon.)

Les Précheurs Burlesques en Espagne au Dixhuitième Siècle. Par le P. Bernard Gaudeau. (Paris, Retaux-Bray.)

L'Espagne après la Paix d'Utrecht, 1713-1715. Par le Marquis de Courcy. (Paris, Plon.)

SPAIN is not rich in memoirs, and for no period of her history does she furnish much of that delightful kind of literature. M. Morel Fatio has, therefore, done well in founding a monograph on the letters addressed to Prince Emmanuel von Salm-Salm and the Duchess of Bejar by Count Fernan Nuñez, which are preserved in the Biblio-thèque Nationale. The correspondence The correspondence begins in 1768 and closes in 1786 or 1787-M. Morel Fatio does not specify quite clearly in which. The volume contains several amusing little facts. We hear of Charles III. (of Spain), for instance — partly out of remembrance of his brother's mania for Farinelli-setting his face against operas and plays, yet forced to relieve the terrible boredom suffered by his courtiers by installing in each of his palaces a theatre to which they might resort, although he never went himself; of Keith, Earl Marischal, having Spanish wine and garbanzos sent to Potsdam, and regaling his guests with the olla he had learnt to like in the days when Cardinal Alberoni was aiding the Jacobites; and of Prince de Rohan, Archbishop of Strasbourg, strutting about Vienna dressed like a country gentleman and flourishing a cane. Still, it is not in these trifles that the interest of the volume lies, but in the general picture of the life and thoughts of a Spanish magnate in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Emmanuel von Salm-Salm was one of a familiar class, the German noble with a long pedigree and a short purse, who was glad to serve in a foreign army for present pay and the prospect of promotion. But less is known out of Spain of men such as his correspondent. Fernan Nuñez was a favourable specimen of the small section of the Spanish nobility of the last century who prided themselves on their enlightened opinions, their knowledge of French, and their general superiority to the mass of Spanish grandees. He came of a good stock. His father, the fifth Count de Fernan Nuñez, was a naval officer, and a strong supporter of the Bourbons; his mother was a daughter of the Duc de Rohan. At the age of eight, in 1750, he was left an orphan, and instead of his being sent to school in Paris as his mother had wished, the king had him educated at the royal school for the nobility at Madrid, and appointed him, when he was sixteen, an ensign in the Spanish Guards. The young officer took part in the campaign in Portugal in 1762, and in his twentieth year was made colonel of one of the most famous regiments of infantry in the Spanish army. In 1772 he determined to follow the fashion then at its height in Spain, and correr cortes, or, as we should say, make the grand tour. First he proceeded to Italy, then to Vienna, where he was duly presented to Maria Theresa; he passed on to Silesia, where he saw Frederick the Great manœuvre his troops, and was terribly troubled by the question whether,

as Frederick declined to have foreigners to dinner, a Spanish grandee ought to accept an invitation to dine at the table of the king's adjutant-general. After visiting Warsaw and Berlin, Fernan Nuñez went on to Paris and made the acquaintance of his French relations. He also crossed to London, where he witnessed a prize-fight and rather approved of it; he had plans for seeing Russia; and he would probably, like most of the advanced spirits of the day, have presented himself at Ferney had he not been recalled to Spain by the news of the speedy beginning of O'Reilly's ill-planned, ill-conducted attack on Algiers. In this disastrous adventure Fernan Nuñez commanded a brigade, and seems to have acquitted himself like a brave man and a good officer. He kept a diary during the expedition, which shows more knowledge of his profession and a greater interest in it than might at first sight have been expected from a noble who had owed his promotion to court favour; but the truth is that the triumphs of Frederick the Great, like the successes of the Prussians in 1870, had roused every European army from its slumbers, and incited the more intelligent officers of all nations to study tactics. O'Reilly, indeed, had large schemes for prussianizing the Spanish forces, and had he contented himself with parades and left the Algerians alone, he might have drilled his troops into a passable imitation of the soldiers of the great Frederick.

After his unlucky experience of warfare Fernan Nuñez married, and henceforth devoted himself to diplomacy; he became Spanish minister at Lisbon, a post of much importance during the American war, when it was essential to Spain that Portugal should not open her harbours to the British fleet. In 1787 he succeeded Aranda as ambassador to France, and speedily found himself involved in the turmoil of the Re-Floridablanca and Charles IV. were alike horrified by the turn events took, but the king was afraid of a rupture with France, and maintained his ambassador at Paris until Nuñez gave him deep offence by being present at the sitting of the National Assembly at which Louis XVI. swore to maintain the Constitution; and in consequence he was accorded leave of absence, and his official career ended. He died at Madrid about four years afterwards, leaving behind him in manuscript a life of Charles III., which is now in the British Museum. It has never been printed, but it would seem

well worth publishing.

M. Morel Fatio has done his work excellently. The only complaint we have against him is that he repeats the calumny commonly circulated in France that the British destroyed La China during the Peninsular War. This is not true. One of the most interesting parts of his volume is an account of the religious and political views of Fernan Nuñez. The ceremonies of the Church the Spanish grandee would observe, and he objects to any open attack on her doctrines; but he obviously cared little for them. In politics he approved of an enlightened despotism, and largely shared the views of the Economists.

We have not much space left to speak of the other two books we have placed beside M. Morel Fatio's admirable monograph.

Father Gaudeau is a Jesuit, and he has written an excellent essay on the Jesuit who of all the Company takes the highest rank as a man of letters—Padre Isla, the author of the famous satire 'Fray Gerundio,' and decidedly the greatest name in Spanish literature of the eighteenth century. 'Fray Gerundio,' witty as it undoubtedly is, is too discursive and too much overladen with details to be often perused in its entirety by many except by Spaniards or professed students of Spanish literature; but the English reader will find the slightly abridged translation which Baretti published in London in 1772 well worth looking at, and if he needs any comment he will find much help in Father Gaudeau's volume.

The Marquis de Courcy has written one of those careful studies founded upon researches in the archives which are now the fashion in France. It cannot be called lively, nor has the Marquis much of the literary faculty common among his countrymen, or he would be able to speak of the Inquisition without tracing it back to the days of Theodosius; but the book is carefully and conscientiously put together. The most amusing episode is the race to Versailles between Cardinal Giudice and the French ambassador in order to obtain the first hearing from Louis XIV. and Torcy. The cardinal slipped away from Madrid at 5 o'clock on the morning of Good Fridaya strong step for a cardinal and head of the Inquisition to take—and thus secured thirty-six hours' start. He had relays of horses from the King of Spain's stables ready along the road, and at Pampeluna the authorities put an embargo on every vehicle they could lay their hands on in order to delay the ambassador; yet he contrived to procure a sorry conveyance, and when near the frontier he mounted a mule, and taking a short cut across the hills he reached Bayonne only three hours behind. He was off again at daybreak, when the cardinal was still in bed, and was in Paris three days before the King of Spain's envoy arrived.

It is a pity that neither of these books has an index. Father Gaudeau's more especially needs one, and he ought to have followed the good example set him by M. Morel Fatio.

Poems. By W. E. H. Lecky. (Longmans & Co.)

WE should gladly escape from the task of reviewing this little book of verses, were it possible to pass by a work from the pen of so deservedly distinguished a writer as Mr. Lecky. We cannot but feel it to be a matter of genuine regret that if his poems were to see the light at all, instead of reposing in the comfortable seclusion of albums and birthday books, their author did not issue them for "private circulation only." In that form, while they would have given pleasure to the kindly, but uncritical circle of admirers which most verse-writers are fortunate enough to possess, they would not have in any way endangered the reputation Mr. Lecky enjoys as a keen thinker, and an able, if not a brilliant historian. But as it is, they are before the public, with his autograph as a sign-manual upon their cover, and they must take their

chance along with the other volumes of minor poetry which every autumn, and for the matter of that every spring, summer, and winter, bestow upon a thankless and

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One might reasonably have expected from the philosophical exponent of European rationalism some poems laying bare the workings of the human heart, or offering a solution of the riddles that perplex man-kind. But such an expectation is doomed to disappointment. When Mr. Lecky looks at a lovely woman, whose intellectual and moral qualities are not on a level with her bodily graces, all that he can find to say is

Beauty's flush must pass away, Fleeting like a summer's day;

and he goes on to remind the giddy-pated charmer (in reprehensibly halting metre)

> Time will lend another hue To what now attracts so much.

In the poem called 'A Broken Life,' which opens with some sufficiently strong stanzas describing the gradual decay of bright prospects and lofty hopes, and the shameful ending of a career which began amid "golden splendours," he cannot resist the temptation of pointing the moral, instead of leaving the reader to draw it for himself, and thus flatly concludes :-

How faint the lines that oft at first divide The paths that lead to honour or to scorn! How small a chance can turn a life aside And cloud the promise of the fairest morn!

Or, again, when he is musing on the time-honoured contrast between "Town and Country," his reflections produce nothing less trite than the following lines:-

Here in this fev'rish city strife Each day new int'rests brings, And countless feelings quicken life, But all of them have wings.

And endless forms of joy and pain, Of knowledge, thought, and speech, Incessant break on heart and brain, Like waves upon a beach.

Too many figures crowd the scene, And, as they hurry by, How few will pause on what has been, Or miss the forms that fly!

When one reads this lilting jingle one cannot but recall Matthew Arnold's stately and solemn verses written in Kensington Gardens, where (with a far subtler insight) the poet apostrophizes that "calm soul of all things" which makes its presence felt "amid the city's jar" not less profoundly than in the depths of the

country.

In his descriptive passages also Mr. Lecky shows a strange lack of imagination. He is fond of otiose epithets, and seldom or never surprises his reader with anything striking or unusual in the way of verbs or adjectives. The first stanza of his 'Autumn Ode' will serve to show what we mean. In this the trees are "fading," and the breeze "fitful." The mists "obscure" the plain, and the "heavy-falling" rain "bewails" the pride of summer gone. Winter is "icy," and presses on with "unresisted" tread. At this rate Mr. Lecky might really almost as well proceed to inform us that fire is hot, and water wet; that the woods lose in autumn the leaves they assume in spring; that the sun rises in the morning, climbs the sky till noon (though that would

perhaps be too daring a phrase!), and sets at night. But it may be a sound instinct of self-preservation that keeps him in these well-trodden paths. If he deviates from them, owing to those "deflecting in-fluences" of which he sings, and

Reason writes, but Passion guides the pen, he is apt to stumble. In the lines 'To . for example, he ventures on the statement

that Thy touch of sympathy could find

To frozen hearts the key, a complex image which is singularly infelicitous; and the mixture of metaphors is even more distressing in the last verse of

'Memory':-Fond hopes that had withered expand once more,

And visions of truths sublime, As she floats in the light of her loveliness O'er the dark'ning waves of time.

A chain is not stronger than its weakest link; nor is a volume of poetry, we are almost inclined to say, more powerful than its feeblest line. The inclusion in his book of the verses we have quoted is a sufficient proof that Mr. Lecky is not gifted with the fine taste and delicate ear that are the mark of a born singer. On the other hand, it is pleasant to be able to say that his muse is always sane and selfpossessed. She does not rant and mouth at us with "sound and fury signifying nothing," as is the manner of some of her sisters nowadays, and she surveys the world with shrewd, but not unkindly eyes. In Mr. Lecky's views on life, its hopes and fears, its failures and successes, its manifold interests and its insoluble problems, we trace a certain affinity with those of Clough, whom some people persist in calling a "bad Except for a word or two here and there, the following poem (one of the best in the collection) might, we think, have been written by the author of 'The Bothie of Tober-na-Vuolich':—

He found his work, but far behind Lay something that he could not find: Deep springs of passion that can make A life sublime for others' sake, And lend to work the living glow That saints and bards and heroes know. The power lay there—unfolded power— A bud that never bloomed a flow For half beliefs and jaded moods of worldlings, critics, cynics, prudes, Lay round his path and dimmed and chilled. Illusions past. High hopes were killed; But Duty lived. He sought not far The "might be" in the things that are; His ear caught no celestial strain; He dreamed of no millennial reign. Brave, true, unhoping, calm, austere, He laboured in a narrow sphere, And found in work his spirit needs— The last, if not the best, of creeds,

There is an air of reality about this portrait which makes one feel that it is drawn from life. It is in work of this kind that Mr. Lecky succeeds best. His humour (on the rare occasions that he indulges in it) is ponderous, and his sentiment trivial; but he shows, when dealing with a certain class of subjects, that he can every now and then strike a higher note.

PERSIAN LITERATURE.

The Bustan of Shaikh Muslihu-d-Din Sa'adi. Photographed from a MS. prepared under the Superintendence of J. T. Platts; further collated with Original MSS. and annotated by A. Rogers. (Allen & Co.)

The Dīwān-i-Hūfiz. Translated for the First Time out of the Persian into English Prose by Lieut.-Col. H. Wilberforce Clarke. 2 vols. (Privately printed.)

Considering the rather low ebb to which Iranian studies have of late sunk in this country, any new contribution to the philology or literature of Persia must be welcome to Oriental scholars, even if it should deal with well-known subjects only. Sa'di's 'Bûstân' has been printed many times in Calcutta, Cawnpore, Lahore, Tabrîz, &c.; it has been published in a first-rate critical edition with excellent Persian commentary by Graf, Vienna, 1850; it has been translated several times into German, once into English, by Col. Clarke (London, 1879); and it might seem, therefore, as if a new edition was scarcely needed. However, as copies of the Vienna text have become somewhat scarce now and books printed or lithographed in the East are often most trying to the eye and full of errors besides, the present publication may be called a real boon for all students of Oriental literature. in particular for the Indian Civil Service candidates, for whom a thorough knowledge of the 'Bûstân' is well-nigh indispensable. The text—reproduced by photo-lithography from a MS. prepared in India under the superintendence of Mr. Platts, the present teacher of Persian in Oxford, on the basis of the best Indian editions, collated with the Vienna edition, and copied by an eminent calligraphist-is sound and trustworthy throughout; and many of the English notes, added by Mr. Rogers in pp. 1-23, will decidedly assist the less advanced student in mastering the numerous diffi-culties of the poem. In this part, however, there is some room for improvement, and, passing over minor mistakes or mere misprints, we will call attention to the following points only:-p. 1, note to v. 1, aferin in jan-aferîn (soul-creator) is not an abbreviation from the present participle, but simply the verbal stem, used as nomen agentis in a composition; p. 2, note to v. 64, the in a composition; p. 2, note to v. 64, the suggested reading is metrically impossible; p. 3, note to v. 91, hayy can never mean "life," but only "living"; note to v. 98, calât can decidedly not denote "the first chapter of the Korán," the proper title of which is fâtihat alkitâb; p. 6, note to v. 194, "dropsical," or rather "craving for water" is the only correct rendering. for water," is the only correct rendering, compare also p. 12, note to v. 13; p. 10 note to v. 117, Suhrawardi (so to be read instead of Saharwari) was a descendant, but surely not a "son," of Abûbakr the Khalif, the dates of his birth and death being A.H. 539 and 632 respectively; p. 11, note to v. 471, "the mercy of the two worlds" is altogether wrong; as the rhyme with zemîn shows, the word in question must be read 'alamin (i.e., plural, not dual of 'alam) in the usual Koranic sense of "people of the world," correctly explained in Graf's commentary by khala'iq; p. 14, note to v. 297, samâ' in Sûfic language means the eestatic dance of the dervishes;

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p. 15, note to v. 102, the "not" looks as if the text had lam; the proper reading ac-cording to Graf is lima, wherefore; p. 19, note to v. 147, Nizam-ul-Mulk was not a vazîr of Sultân Sanjar (so to be read instead of Sanjai), but of the Saljûk rulers Alp Arslan and Malikshâh; note to v. 153, instead of Hujáj read Hajjáj, as, moreover, the metre clearly indicates; p. 23, note to v. 57, shab-i-qadr is not "the night of power," as the old mistaken translation runs (that would be in Koranic language qudrat), but "the night of predestination."

The prose version of the complete poems of Hâfiz by Lieut.-Col. Wilberforce Clarke, who has done good service before by his excellent translations of Sa'dî's 'Bûstân' and Nizâmî's 'Sikandarnâma,' would command sincere respect and universal admiration merely for the indefatigable zeal and unflagging energy displayed, on more than a thousand quarto pages, both in the faithful rendering of the original text and the profuse notes which accompany almost every verse, even if there were no other merit to be found in it. But that is by no means the case. The two volumes are in fact an inexhaustible mine of Sûfic lore, and in looking through these detailed explana-tions of hundreds and hundreds of mystic terms we only regret that there is no index at the end, by which to turn this vast amount of knowledge to good account in the study of other Persian authors. We have got for the first time in this elaborate work-which is, moreover, printed at the sole expense of the generous translator himself-a complete representation of the views of Eastern commentators on the meaning and import of Hâfiz's songs, which appear to them in exactly the same light as the Song of Songs did to the Hebraists of bygone times, that is to say, as thoroughly allegorical and theosophical; and for the value and importance of Col. Clarke's labours it matters very little or nothing whether those views are shared by Western critics too. Indeed, we venture to say that very few Orientalists in this country or on the Continent share them; that the majority of Persian scholars in Europe, following the lead of the one sensible Turkish commentator, Sûdî, interpret the fervent effusions of the great singer of Shîrâz in praise of love, wine, and the beauties of nature
— with the exception, perhaps, of a
small number of poems which have evidently a mystic tendency-in their simple, literal meaning, and justly contend that the claim of Hâfiz to be reckoned among the great poetical geniuses of mankind must stand or fall with this very common-sense interpretation. It seems to have been with Hâfiz as it was with the much earlier 'Omar Khayyâm-both were brought up in the strictest Sûfic doctrines, were reared in the mystic atmosphere of their time, and, no doubt, composed in the beginning of their literary career allegorical odes of the conventional kind; but both soon got as heartily disgusted with the often hypo-critical cant and the wild ravings of fanatical dervishes as they had been since child-hood with the narrow dogmas of the orthodox 'Ulamâ, and began to depict in glowing colours-but always under the veil of Sûfic phraseology-the charms of this earthly life, thus asserting the indisputable

right of man to partake-with moderationof all the pleasures and enjoyments the world can offer. A careful comparison of the ghazals of Hâfiz with those of the greatest poetical exponent of genuine mystic pantheism, Jelâl-uddîn Rûmî, must convince everybody, we should think, how wide a gulf separates the utterances of these two equally renowned men; and if a specific example is needed, we may take at random the eighth ode of Hâfiz, in which he celebrates the water of the Ruknâbâd and the rose-garden (gulgasht, not the rose of the garden, as the translation has it) of Musallâ. Can any one really imagine that the poet did not mean here the well-known places in or about Shîrâz, but wanted to express by these words "the lover's weeping eyes" and "the lover's heart," or, in a still higher theosophical sense, "the broad surface of the world, which is the place of acquisition of precious stages, and the place of discovery of lofty ascents"?

But enough of mere theoretical discussions on the true character of these poems. Whatever the final judgment of the literary world may be, it cannot diminish in the least, as we have said before, the intrinsic value of Col. Clarke's publication. We must be extremely thankful to him for the immense pains he has taken to bring before us in a clear and concise way all the arguments of Eastern criticism, and thus to enable, nay, to compel us, to take sides in this important question and to arrive at a conclusive verdict on the merits of the How welcome the translation will be to all who want to study the original in a thoroughly critical way needs no comment; and the only point that might still be discussed is the question whether any prose translation, however faithful, can do full justice to a poetical work in a foreign tongue. We think not, and we are strengthened in our opinion by the fact that Rosenzweig's German translation of Hâfiz fulfils in every way the demands that ought to be made with regard to a satisfactory rendering in verse. Let us hope, therefore, that Col. Clarke's great achievement will sooner or later stimulate a poetical genius of this country to do for English readers what Rosenzweig has so well done for the German public. The task is no doubt difficult, but by no means impossible.

NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

Hovenden, V.C.: the Destiny of a Man of Action. By F. Mabel Robinson. 3 vols. (Methuen & Co.)

Blanche, Lady Falaise. By J. H. Shorthouse.

(Macmillan & Co.) From Harvest to Hay-Time. By Mabel Hart. 2 vols. (Hurst & Blackett.

Dr. and Mrs. Gold. By Edith A. Barnett.

(Sonnenschein & Co.)

LARRY HOVENDEN was very young when he won his Victoria Cross, and his career as a man of action was soon cut short. He was the only son of a girl-widow, who adored him and devoted herself to him, refusing to marry again in order that he might have all her care and all her resources. Soon after he has returned from Zululand, with his captaincy and his V.C., he meets his destiny at a county ball, in the shape of a handsome coquette, a rector's daughter,

with converted Jewish blood in her veins, Then follow in rapid succession the infatuation of Hovenden, the triumph of selfish Althea, the amputation of the captain's leg, his consequent jilting and misery, the mar-riage and condign punishment of the jilter. Most of the story yet remains to be told, and Hovenden, who does not seem to make more than one lapse from honourable conduct, drees his weird in most unfortunate fashion. Miss Robinson's book is moral and earnest as well as romantic; but spades have no synonyms for her. She is manifestly attracted towards that chirurgical candour which some professors of fiction think essential to their art, whilst many cautious critics and jealous guardians of youth would willingly dispense with it altogether.

Some years ago Mr. Shorthouse made a sensation by writing a novel of much psychological power, wherein he dealt with a great crisis of our religious and political history from a point of view of his own, taken from the Laudian camp on that battle-field of the seventeenth century. Therein he did much service, and probably led many people to modify certain generalizations adopted without thought from the works of generations of Liberal historians. But the most remarkable feature of a remarkable book was that he not only avoided estimating the Protestant spirit, which at that time prevailed within and without the pale of the Established Church, and in various forms was the animating force of the revolutionary struggle, but managed absolutely to ignore it. On a scale infinitely smaller, and in a work hardly worthy of him, he has repeated the same feat of abstraction and singleness of view. The story of Blanche, Lady Falaise, is that of a woman of strong religious feeling, full of enthusiasm for self-sacrifice, and bent on what she considers an act of atonement. Mr. Shorthouse makes it sufficiently clear that the object of her remorse is quite unworthy of it, and indeed in the sweet-voiced clerical rhetorician with the dark jaw and expressionless eyes, whom Blanche adores, we recognize a type which most men regard with an instant feeling of distrust. Yet the misapplied act of sacrifice, though it involves injustice to her family, is counted to her for righteousness; and the author does not seem the least aware that her egotistic pietism, her "voluntary humility," makes her a bad wife, an indifferent daughter, an unloving mother, and a useless member of society. Mr. Shorthouse has not lost a delicate and clear literary style, and many things in the book remind us of the author of 'John Inglesant.' Lord Falaise is a fine character, and his first meeting with Blanche is a characteristic contest of simplicity with self-consciousness. "Noblesse oblige" in his case; but how comes he to be a viscount, by patent dating from the Con-

'From Harvest to Hay-Time' is a pleasantly told romance of a woman-farmer, of a tramp whom she discovers at her gates with his "ugly toes" peeping out of his boots, and of the yokels on the farm, some of whom are cleverly and humorously sketched. The tramp is a victim to "amnesia," having forgotten not only his name, but also the previous circumstances of his life; and this leads to some awkward complications. He turns out to be an excellent farmer, and

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works for some months as a labourer, in order to pay his debt of gratitude to the good friends who relieved him in his distress. Everybody knows that he is, or ought to be, something better than a farm-labourer, and the heroine, who looks after the farm for her widowed mother, knows it best of all. Hemory returns to him at a critical moment, and the story ends logically enough, but in such a manner as to leave the sympathies of the reader somewhat baffled and dispersed amongst the four leading characters. The author has some powerful scenes, but she is, perhaps, too sympathetic and optimistic to be thoroughly true to life.

Mrs. Barnett has written a decidedly clever though slight sketch of one of those victims to their own misplaced enthusiasm who are unfortunately abundant in real life as well as in fiction. Clara Gold was not an Englishwoman by birth; and the "Cause" for which she spent herself with such entire devotion was apparently the cause of social anarchy, which has its root elsewhere than in England. Nevertheless, if her objects were flat, stale, unprofitable, and something more, the unreasoning and wholehearted self-sacrifice of human beings to a mistaken ideal, or at any rate after a mistaken manner, is an always fresh and always present phenomenon even in this work-a-day world. Such illusions and such narrow-minded fervour as Clara Gold's are always predoomed to shipwreck and failure, and the fact that they are accompanied by real nobility of character only hastens the end. As it is, Mrs. Barnett has abstained from any temptation to the more sensational effects of pessimism, and poor Clara's doom might easily have been even more terrible than it was. The writer has dealt with her in a manner marked by artistic moderation and reserve. The sketches of her friends and acquaintances in humble life are slight, but effective outlines. Her propagandist visit to a Northern town is admirably touched. There is a certain want of fleshand-blood vitality about the book, but it is deverly and often smartly written.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

The Buffalo Runners: a Tale of the Red River Plains. By R. M. Ballantyne. (Nisbet & Co.) The Pilots of Pomona. By R. Leighton. (Blackie & Son.)

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An Inca Queen. By J. Evelyn. (Same

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(Chambers.)

Joan and Jerry. By Mrs. O'Reilly. (Same

publishers.)

Elizabeth. By Henley J. Arden. (Same publishers.)

Duty and Affection. (Same publishers.)

Ernest's Golden Thread. By Edith C. Kenyon.
(Same publishers.)

Three Bright Girls. By Annie E. Armstrong.

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Brave and True, and other Stories. By Gregson

Gow. (Same publishers.)
State's Service; or, To What End? By F. C.
Fanshawe. (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)

Knowledge.)
A Local Lion. By Austin Clare. (Same publishers.)
Geoff and Jim. By Ismay Thorn. (Wells Gardner & Co.)

Daisy's Story. By Annie G. Fisher. (Houlston & Sons.)

Love Unfeigned. By M. A. Paull. (Jarrold & Sons.)

Wild Bryonie. By Jennie Chappell. (Partridge & Co.)

MR. BALLANTYNE deals with his accustomed detail and lifelike vraisemblance with the condition of Rupert's Land in the early part of the century, when the rivalry between the North-West and Hudson's Bay Companies involved settlers and Indians alike in war and privation. The stories of certain Scotch settlers, Highland and Lowland, are involved in these general troubles, and among the grown-up characters two young heroes, Archie and his invalid brother Little Bill, will interest boyish readers.

Mr. Leighton in 'The Pilots of Pomona' takes the thoughts of the schoolboy to the straits and skerries, the cliffs and caves of the Orkney Islands. The story of Halcro and Thora is very well told. Apropos of the 'Mainland,' a skipper from Portree is mentioned who was taking his brig to the West Indies:—

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"'Weel, when they had been at sea twa or three months, Jock cam on deck as mornin', and, "Donald," says he to his mate, "d'ye not see land yonder to starboard?" "Ay, sir," says Donald; "I'm just thinkin' it will be the West Indies:
"You're right there, Donald, the West Indies it is," says Jock. "See, yonder's the black folk sittin, waitin' for us!" and he pointed to the cormorants perched on the rocks. So the brig was hauled round, and when she was near inshore a pilot-boat cam oot to them. Jock hailed the pilot: "What land is that?" he cried. "It's the Mainland!" sings out the pilot. "What, the mainland o' America?" asks Jock, thinkin' he had missed the Indies. "No, ye duffer, the Mainland o' Orkney, to be sure," says the pilot. "What other Mainland is there?"""

'César Cascabel' is a wonderful production. Like most of M. Jules Verne's books it is the story of a journey. Some acrobats wish to travel from California to their native France, and having no money they determine to go in their caravan northwards to Behring Straits, cross on the ice, and make their way through Siberia into Europe. M. Jules Verne's travellers are generally successful; in spite of robbers, icebergs, and the Russian police the bold Frenchmen triumphantly reach their goal. There is nothing more to be said about the works of this very prolific writer; they have long ago been criticized and classed; but we cannot help wishing that they were better translated.

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We are in the land of romance in the remote parts of Peru where Mr. Evelyn has placed his white savages and the Inca Queen, who, of course, turns out to be of European parentage, and whose discovery and that of her father enable the young adventurers to turn the tables on their usurping uncle at home. It is all a little too unreal, but is not so hackneyed in theme as some of the innumerable books of adventure which are produced at this season.

Mrs. L. T. Meade cannot write a dull book. Often, indeed, she delights us greatly, but we cannot profess to find 'The Children of Wilton Chase' so attractive as some of her other works. Ermengarde, the elder of the Wilton girls, is, we are told, "in many ways a commonplace child." We hope, however, that her talent for intrigue is something more than common. She carries on from the beginning to the end of the book an elaborate system of deceit hideous to contemplate. Basil is a fine fellow; as for Marjorie, she is a veritable little angel; but Ermengarde and her tortuous ways are in the foreground, and shut us out from the sight of pleasanter things.

Joan and Jerry are an attractive pair of heroines, who bicker in very amusing fashion right through the book. Joan is poor, while Jerry, or rather Geraldine, is rich. If Joan would only pocket her pride and consent to live with her wealthy kindred, all would be well; but then we should have to forego Mrs. O'Reilly's book.

'Elizabeth,' by Henley J. Arden, is chiefly

remarkable for the vivid and sympathetic description of the Fen country. There is not much of a plot; Elizabeth, exiled from her home and her true love, suffers many things in the dreary country which she hates, but all rights itself in the end, as in most Christmas books.

The author of 'Duty and Affection' takes us back to the days of the Napoleonic wars, and tells pleasantly enough the story of a little

drummer-boy.

'Ernest's Golden Thread' is too morbid, too sad, too depressing. It is the tale of an excellent little lad whose one desire is to do right. His uncle mistrusts him, his cousins bully him, tramps kidnap him. At the last, of course, his luck turns, but just as his happy days begin we leave him.

'Three Bright Girls,' which calls itself "a story of chance and mischance," is a rambling and tiresome chronicle of family ups and downs. First the girls were rich, then they were poor, then they married and lived happy ever after. The Brothers Talboys—two little old gentlemen, twins, almost exactly alike, who call each other Brother Ned and Brother Ben—seem to remind us of a better-known pair of brothers, in another and a better book.

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In 'Brave and True' we find four short stories of no great interest. The frontispiece is to be avoided.

'Susie's Service' is a story with a purpose—a persistent and obtrusive purpose. It is a temperance tale, and the horrors of drink are insisted upon from the first page to the last. The book positively reeks with whiskey. We hope it is not intended for children.

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A Local Lion,' by Austin Clare, is of a very different type. It is a book well worth reading; it is quite one of the best of its kind. The poor lion, Andrew Elliot, is a North-Country lad—a violinist, "an amateur and home taught," but with a real love for his art. He is petted and spoilt by the country folk around; he mistakes his pretty gift for a heaven-born genius, forsakes his home, and goes out to conquer the world with his fiddle. He has a rude awakening, and comes back a wiser and better, albeit a sadder man. His father, the old pilot, is a grand figure; villagers old and young are sketched with a light and unerring hand; and Herncleugh, the desolate-looking fishing village on the wild Northumbrian shore, is shown to us by one who knows and loves the North Country.

We have heard more than once of "Geoff and Jim" Harrington; the present volume tells of their early schooldays, almost too exciting and too full of adventure to be very edifying to the little lads.

'Daisy's Story' is written, we learn from the preface, with the earnest desire that it may prove a help to some "little traveller Zionward." We do not doubt the author's good intention, but we have a great dislike to her methods. Daisy, at the age of ten, begins to keep a diary, full and elaborate, wherein she records not only her words and deeds, but her thoughts and feelings, her success and failure, her elation and her remorse—an unhealthy practice, and good for neither the youthful writer nor the youthful reader.

'Love Unfeigned' is a curious and inappropriate title for a somewhat vulgar tale of tittletattle.

The story of 'Wild Bryonie,' though a little too long, is not without merit. The heroine, a wilful lassie, is very attractive. She takes a good deal of taming, but she is worth it.

PHILOLOGICAL BOOKS.

Dictionary of Idiomatic English Phrases. By James Main Dixon. (Nelson.)—In this volume a large number of idiomatic English phrases are placed in the alphabetical order of their principal words, their signification is explained, and

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illustrative quotations are appended. The status of each phrase is indicated by a symbol, showing that it is used "in serious composition," "in polite conversation," "in familiar conversation, but not in polite society," or that it "is vulgar, and should be avoided." The author is Professor of English in the University of Japan, and his book is chiefly intended to be useful to foreigners. It is in all respects very well done, and must have cost an enormous amount of labour; the list of authors quoted fills ten pages of small type. Almost the only fault we have observed is that sometimes antiquated phrases are given without any remark that they are not still in general use. Many English people would be puzzled if asked the meaning of the expression "to lead apes," for which a decidedly archaic passage is here quoted from Mr. Walter Besant. Cui bono? is explained only in its correct classical sense, though the mistaken use is much more common, and, we think—though the matter is not quite indubitable—appears in the example quoted from Mr. Thomas Hardy.

THE Supplement to the Sheffield Glossary, by S. O. Addy (English Dialect Society), is decidedly superior in execution to the work of which it is a continuation. There are fewer irrelevancies and less of spurious etymology, although this is not altogether absent. Addy has collected a considerable store of new words, which he has taken great pains to authenticate; and many of these are of more than ordinary philological interest. Deenar, a shilling, is no doubt, as Mr. Addy says, the Latin denarius, though it is not clear by what channel it has come down. It is remarkable that the word is used with the same sense in the Jewish "starrs" of the thirteenth century, where it is written in Hebrew characters as דינר. Ackermatut, liquid manure, is apparently aqua matutina, but how the Latin expression came into farmers' language is not easy to guess. Catterspan, a somersault, is noteworthy in connexion with the still unexplained phrase "to turn a cat in the pan." The verb to deem is still used in its primary sense "to give judgment" (said with reference to the county court); and the Old English feorp, life, survives as ferth, here explained as "energy, activity." Marcarum, arsenic, exemplifies the widespread provincial arsente, exemplines the widespread provincing confusion between arsenic and mercury. Payvey, to totter, oscillate, does not mean "to give way," but is of onomatopoetic origin. Derbyshire children use it as a substantive in the sense of a " see-saw; it would be better spelt "peigh-weigh, as the pronunciation is quite distinct from the local sound of the words "pay" and "way." Pillerine, a small cloak or tippet, is found in the ordinary dictionaries as pelerine. Chess, "to pile up or arrange hewn stones in a quarry," is given, along with its cognate substantive (here spelt chest), in the 'New English Dictionary'; the suggestion of connexion with choose is quite untenable. Ree dur, a male yearling sheep, is not from "the Anglo Saxon hriver, cattle" (!); it may perhaps be a corruption of the synonymous he dur, a euphonic r after the indefinite article being common in North Derbyshire.— The glossary of Rutland Words, by the Rev. Christopher Wordsworth, issued by the same Society, extends only to forty pages, and is of little value, the compiler's knowledge of the dialect being apparently slight. Many of the words inserted are not dialectal at all, and others words inserted are not dialectal at all, and others are taken from old documents, without any indication whether they are still in use or not. The most noticeable words clearly belonging to the current dialect are batters, the slope of a railway embankment; chine, the stave of a bucket; float, to cut (grass) level; kindell, an oblong washing-tub (the form kinnel, given under Washing-tray, though not in its alphabetical place, suggests that this is a corruntion betical place, suggests that this is a corruption of the better-known kimlin); ramper, ramper-way, the highway; tray, a wattled hurdle. The glossary does not indicate pronunciation,

but a few striking phonetic features are mentioned: furrow is pronounced thurrow, while conversely thistle becomes fistle (as well as tistle); the final è is sounded in princë-feathers, quincè-tree, rosë-tree; the 's of the possessivo case is, as in many other dialects, often dropped.—The English Dialect Society has also issued a well-executed translation, by Mr. W. A. Badham, of Dr. K. D. Bülbring's acute and useful essay on Ablaut in the Modern Dialects of the South of England. It would be well if persons familiar with the south-western dialects would institute careful inquiries with the view of either confirming or rectifying Dr. Bülbring's conclusions, which are of some philological importance.

A Short Historical Grammar of the German Language. Translated and adapted from Prof. Behaghel's 'Deutsche Sprache.' By Emil Trechmann. (Macmillan.)—Prof. Behaghel's little book, in spite of some faults of detail, is a work that deserves to be taken as a model by all writers of brief popular handbooks on philo-logical subjects. There is certainly no other book from which a reader, without any previous acquaintance with philology, can so readily gain an insight into the history and character of the German language. Mr. Trechmann's translation, so far as we have tested it is substantially correct, though here and there it could be improved in precision. The "adaptation" mentioned on the title-page seems to be triffing in amount; a few additional examples have been inserted, and some passages relating to correctness of speech have been, with doubtful propriety, omitted as not of interest to English readers. The occasional errors of the original, such as the defective statement of Verner's law and the strange blunder of citing the English mother as an example of Grimm's law, have been left uncorrected. On the whole, however, this volume may be confidently recommended to all students German. In one respect it is superior to the original work: it is provided with an excellent index.

The Catalogue of Hebraica and Judaica in the Library of the Corporation of the City of London, with a Subject Index, by the Rev. A. Löwy (printed under the direction of the Library Committee), may be taken as a model for the arrangement of all similar works. The Hebrew titles are followed by a concise English explanation, and in the case of many collective works the separate pieces are fully enumerated. The writer is, however, incon-sistent in not having done this everywhere. In our opinion it is more important to enumerate the essays and articles of periodicals than a collection of *Midrashim*. The enumeration of the parts of the Mishnah, the Talmud, and the casuistic works of Maimonides seems to be superfluous for those who can use these books, and is of no help for others who are unacquainted with them. The cross-references from the books to the authors and vice versa will prove a boon to those who consult Mr. Löwy's catalogue; unfortunately some are omitted or forgotten. For instance, in the periodical publications (under which the 'Beth ha-Midrash,' edited by Dr. Jellinek, ought not to be classified) we find mentioned (p. 127) in the third volume of the Jahrbuch Geschichte der Juden an edition of two letters sent from Jerusalem by Obadiah of Bertinoro in the years 1488 and 1489, whilst under Obadiah di Bertinoro (p. 119) the cross-reference to the Jahrbuch is not given. The transliteration of the 7 by Ch is German, and not English. That the name אריצוים ought to be spelt "Ferussol, and not "Farissol," as Mr. Löwy puts it, was proved some years ago from charters found in Provence. The classified index is a novelty in catalogues of printed books, and we hope it will be imitated, although, if it is easy in the case of a small collection, it is difficult in that of catalogues of collections

like those in the British Museum and the Bodleian Library. The printing is in general correct, though a few typographical errors, like מייטוניות (p. 160) for מייטוניות, have escaped Mr. Löwy's table of corrigenda.

Two valuable dissertations by Lucian Müller, published by Calvary in Berlin, deserve notice. The first is on the passage of literary criticism in the first epistle of Horace's second book (vv. 50-62), the second on the fragments of Accius. The points which they raise are too minute to be discussed with profit in this place; but all students of Latin literature will find that they amply repay a careful perusal.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

SIR GEORGE CORNEWALL LEWIS'S Essay on the Government of Dependencies was well worth including in the scholarly series of text-books that is being issued from the Clarendon Press. Though there is some exaggeration in the statement of its editor, Mr. C. P. Lucas, that it " embodies a mass of historical information and political wisdom, put together in the clearest, simplest, and most impartial form, by a man who was at once a practical statesman and a political philosopher," it was a very intelligent exposition of the best colonial policy thought of half a century ago, and the broad principles it laid down are as true now as ever they were. Its value is not impaired by its author's frequent and reverent citations from Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, and other too much forgotten authorities. as well as from such later guides as Adam Smith and Heeren; and though in the past fifty years there has been nearly as much change in the relations between Great Britain and her dependencies as in the extent and condition of those dependencies, much in it is applicable to the present day. It loses none of its importance, present day. indeed, by the fact that it is in many respects out of date. Everything that is out of date in the book is on that account of historical interest. When it was written British India was barely more than half as large as it is to-day, and was still ruled by a trading company; the Canadian provinces were only beginning to receive self-governing powers; the Australasian colonies were yet in their infancy or boisterous youth; and in Africa there were scarcely any but dis-contented Dutchmen, besides the natives, in the south, and a few liberated slaves in Sierra Leone, to be kept in order. There were no steamships or telegraphs to facilitate communications between the mother country and the colonies, and the foremost of them had not got much beyond the position of Crown colonies in the present day. Momentous and various as have been the half-century's changes, political and social, in our home affairs, the colonial developments have been more remarkable and more diverse. How wonderful has been the progress may be seen by comparing the state of things discussed in Sir Charles Dilke's 'Problems of Greater Britain' with that criticized in Sir G. C. Lewis's 'Essay,' and to the 'Essay,' or at any rate to the statesmanlike policy enunciated in it, must be in part attributed the progress that has since been made. The book, therefore, is worth studying, and the useful lessons it teaches are skilfully emphasized by Mr. Lucas's admirable introduction and suggestive notes. deals chiefly, of course, with our colonies, the usual sense of the term; but India is the largest, and Ireland is the most troublesome, of our dependencies, and Sir G. C. Lewis's remarks on both are pertinent. What he said about Ireland when O'Connell's agitation against the Act of Union was in full force will just now be especially interesting to many

On the 29th of August we reviewed vols. i. and ii. of the *Mémoires du Général Baron de Marbot*, published by Plon, of Paris. The third volume

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has now appeared, and will probably sell as largely as did the first, which has had the greatest success of any recent book. It is as much like an historical novel of the Dumas senior type, and Marbot bids fair to be remem-bered as a D'Artagnan. In the present volume he relates the retreat from Moscow, the close of he relates the retreat from Moscow, the close of which he covered with his cavalry regiment, and then gives a lively picture of the battle of Leipzig, at which he was wounded by an arrow from a Bashkir bow. It has been forgotten that not only did the slit-eyed Siberians serve at Leipzig, but their grandsons, still armed in the same primitive fashion, mounted guard in 8t. Petersburg during the Crimean War. One of the most interesting passages in the present of the most interesting passages in the present rolume is on courage, on which Marbot was an authority. Criticizing a writer who had said that courage is artificial, for all are born cowards, in the sense that we naturally fly from that which can harm us, though we learn from notives of interest to overcome this instinct, Marhot wrote: "We are born brave. Cowardice is artificial—the necessary result of bad govern-ment. We naturally seek to destroy that which can harm us." There is not the same interest for English readers in this volume that there was in the first or even in the second. Marbot was engaged, and indeed wounded, in the waterloo campaign, but he does not relate it, and the memoirs end with the entry of the allies into Paris in 1814. Some letters written by him in 1815, and a letter written by him in 1830, about Grouchy's position on the day of Waterloo, are given in an anneandix Waterloo, are given in an appendix.

Twelve Months in Peru. By E. B. Clark. Illustrated. (Fisher Unwin.)—The first half of this little volume (the whole of it would not this little volume (the whole of it would not occupy more than seventy ordinary octavo pages) consists merely of lively, but quite superficial and sketchy observations of the usual kind, and we had begun to think that the "suggestions of those more qualified to judge than my humble self," by which the writer duly fortifies herself in the onventional apologetic preface, were misplaced; but matters improve when she exchanges the enervating atmosphere of Lima for the bracing arand wonderful sights of the Sierra. Here her runing commentary on the incidents of travel, the mules, the Indians, the climate, the mag-nificent scenery, the engineering marvels of the mountain railway, and the quaint contrasts, at the haciendas and mining stations, of refinement and savagery, is very brightly and cleverly done; its fault is that it is too fragmentary, often too condensed, and without sufficient suite. residence of several months in such a position does not often fall to the lot of a lady who can use a pen; but brevity is a fault of which we always hesitate to complain. At the bull-fights a novelty is "the pluck of the women, who fearlessly rushed into the patio and dragged their husbands from the scene of action." "Teleshore the ocean level" are doubtless, as the riter supposes, unique. The descent from these altitudes is thus described:—

these altitudes is thus described:

"A low hand-ar, drawn by gravity, is now despatched from Chicla about fifteen minutes in advance of the bi-weekly trains to clear the line of fallen pieces of rock, that threaten to impede its downward course. These hand-cars travel at the set of about forty-five miles an hour down steep iselines, and round such frequent curves, that cause the uninitiated many tightenings of the heart-strings as they dwell upon the fact that a tiny piece of rock, askirt entangled in the wheels, a dog, a cow, or any other animal may at a moment's notice upset the by vehicle, and usher all its immates down a preciplec and into eternity at one stroke; or at any rate mother the loss of a cherished limb, for it is a difficult matter to effect an instantaneous stoppage where the gradient is so steep. Those who are secustomed to this mode of travelling describe it as delightful in spite of constant breathlessness.....The sea essentials to safety and comfort are a cautious and skilful driver, plenty of warm clothing tightly laked in a hat almost claused to the head and a thick smate essentials to safety and comfort are a caucous and skilful driver, plenty of warm clothing tightly backed in, a hat almost glued to the head, and a thick will if one prefers not being skinned by the wind while moving with such rapidity through it."

THE Scarlet Gown (St. Andrews, Holden) is a little volume of verse that brings back to the initiated pleasant memories of the city by the Northern Sea. The verses are not of equal merit. 'Milton,' for instance, is marked by an easy disdain of quantity which we remember to have been a common failing in St. Andrews students. But there are many instances of a happier vein of parody. The imitation from Wordsworth is particularly "fetching," as also the 'Waster's Presentiment.' 'Vivien's Song' is worth quoting :-

In Algebra, if Algebra be ours, x and x^2 can ne'er be equal powers, Unless x=1, or none at all. It is the little error in the sum That by and by will make the answer come To something queer, or else not come at all. The little error in the easy sum,
The little slit across the ket ledrum,
That makes the instrument not play at all. It is not worth correcting: let it go:
But shall I? Answer, Prudence, answer, no,
And bid me do it right, or not at all.

serious lines show that the author, Mr. R. F. Murray, has caught the spirit of patriotism for the most academical of tiny cities.

THE Annals of our Time, with which the late Mr. Joseph Irving filled two stout volumes, late Mr. Joseph Irving filled two stout volumes, covering the first fifty years of Her Majesty's reign, are now being continued by Mr. H. Hamilton Fyfe, and the present instalment (Macmillan) brings the chronicle down to the close of 1890. In it the faults and eccentricities of Mr. Irving's compilation are closely imitated.

A really comprehensive and accurate "day-by-" epitome of events might be useful, but it would occupy considerably more space than Mr. Fyfe, giving on an average six days to a page, allows himself. As he records only the facts which interest him or with which he happens to be acquainted, and as he aspires to be a critic as well as a chronicler, the book is incomplete and often misleading as a work of reference.

WE have to acknowledge Vol. LXXXIII. of We have to acknowledge vol. LAAAII. or Harper's New Monthly (Osgood & McIlvaine), a well illustrated and varied work, with many pleasant notices of things English, colonial, and American.—Good Words for 1891 (Isbister & Co.), besides many excellent illustrations and essays of interest, contains Mr. Barrie's last successful novel, and one from the still vigorous pen of Mrs. Oliphant. The Sunday Magazine (same publishers) is also a good number, and is marked by a catholic spirit in dealing with religious subjects, as, for instance, in connexion with such different personalities as Archbishop Magee and the late Mr. Charles Bradlaugh.— Atalanta's fourth volume (Trischler & Co.) is marked by great delicacy of illustration, and the articles are varied and interesting.

Or Christmas cards, books, and booklets there is as great a flow as ever. Messrs. Hildesheimer & Faulkner send us an admirable variety. Some pretty folding cards with flowers outside, and rustic views (Lowestoft-why spelt Loestoft?—and Beccles are in our eye) within the fold, attracted us. Of the booklets, of which there is a large choice, souvenirs of Bettws-y-Coed and Stratford-on-Avon in the shilling series, and in the eighteenpenny set Recollections of Venice, may be mentioned. The parlour game of Spottit is geographically instructive, and that of Flickem is amusing.— Messrs. Raphael Tuck & Sons are in no respect behind their rivals in the number and ingenuity of their designs. Their calendars in booklets and leaflets, of which *Heartsease* is a good specimen, are infinitely dainty, and there is a variety of cards of a simpler sort which demand

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VERSES BY LEIGH HUNT.

In the Forster Collection at South Kensington is a volume in which have been collected many magazine articles by and about Leigh Hunt, some being proof-sheets of articles contributed by him to the New Monthly Magazine during Forster's editorship. There are also some scraps in the autograph of Hunt bound in. The following airy verses are written on a leaf of note-paper, and are probably unprinted, but I will not vouch for this.

J. D. C.

CALVIULTOR

Written in the character of a bald man in answer to a clever sonnet against baldness.

I've got my wig:— and now, thou rash Hirsutus, Crinities, Whiskerandos, Ogre, Bear, Or whatsoever title please thine hair, Why vex the bald? Why loveless thus repute us? Great Shakspeare, omni nectare imbutus, Was bald, and he whose age knew no despair, Socrates, dancer midst the young and fair; And Cæsar, victim of a natural Brutus! Fresh is the bald man's head: for love so apt, That England's gallants in her wittiest time, In voluntary baldness, velvet-capp'd, Through reams of letters, urged their amorous rhyme: Then issued forth, peruk'd: and o'er their shoulders From every curl shook loves at all the fair beholders.*

"AND SHALL TRELAWNY DIE?

SINCE the interest created more than forty years ago by the publication of the above refrain in Lord Macaulay's 'History,' the literary antiquaries of the west of England have made indefatigable but fruitless inquiries to confirm the Rev. R. S. Hawker's assertion that the lines were originally written "at the time one of the Trelawny family was committed to the Tower in the reign of James II." As a matter of fact, their existence prior to the appearance of Mr. Hawker's poem in 1827 has never been established, and a suspicion seems to have sprung up of late years that the reverend gentleman was the author, not merely of the poem, but of the burden upon which he professed to found it. A discovery that I recently made whilst searching a file of local newspapers may consequently be deemed of some literary interest, apart from the novel light which it throws on the alleged date of the refrain.

In the Bristol Journal of July 25th, 1772, under the head of "Jamaica," is a lengthy contribution, apparently original, entitled Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Savanna La Mar to his Friend at Kingston; Monday, April 27." The writer narrates the of the Governor, Sir William Trelawny, accompanied by Lady Trelawny and her sister, when on a tour through Jamaica. The processions, collations, dinners, and balls having been recorded, the letter proceeds as follows:

"Having given you this concise account of his Excellency's tour, I cannot conclude without furnishing you likewise with some short remarks and an anecdote on the very ancient and respectable family of Sir William Trelawny, several centuries ago originally settled in the populous and opulent county of Cornwall, in England. Among the most ancient, venerable, and opulent seats in that county, upon the extreme rural banks of a fine river encirupon the extreme rural banks of a fine river energing almost round its walls, stands on a fine mound of ground Trelawny Castle, in near vicinity to West Looe; the borough which, with some others, has been almost time immemorial in the family of Trelawny.....This borough (on his Majesty's appointment of Sir W. Trelawny to this first Government, ment of Sir W. Trelawny to this first Government, next to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, under the British Dominion) Sir William generously gave up to Mr. Sheriff Townsend, one of the present aldermen of the city of London. And I hope it will not be construed as any offence to add, as a well-known fact, that when his Excellency took his last leave at the Court of St. James's, on his setting out for this island, our amiable and all-accomplished sovereign, George III., desired him not to stay any longer in this great and valuable Government than was quite agreeable to himself, and consistent with his health.... health.....
"About a century and a half ago, upon some par

*Better employment for "invincible locks" than Ophiu-chus finds—who "from his horrid hair shakes pestilence and war."

ticular State commotions, one of Sir William's ticular State commotions, one of Sir William's ancestors was, on wrong suspicions of the Government, sent to the Tower of London, and it was declared in Cornwall that he was to suffer death. The great attachment of the people in general of that county was then, as now, so affectionately strong to the ancient family of Trelawny Castle that the populace of the county got the following lines published in several places at London; viz.:—

isned in several places at Loudon
And must Trelawny die?
And shall Trelawny die?
We 've thirty thousand Cornish Boys
Will know the reason why!
West Looe, &c.

This and some other circumstances, so intimidated, at that time, some of the greatest personages then at the helm of our national affairs that Sir William Trelawny's ancestor was soon set at liberty, and soon after arrived at Trelawny Castle amidst the joyous acclamations of thousands."

This distinct attribution of the famous refrain to the earlier years of the reign of Charles L will appear the more important when one considers the source from which the letter-writer probably drew his information. It is clear that a resident in Jamaica could have learnt nothing from his neighbours respecting the manner in which Sir W. Trelawny had disposed of his pocket borough, or respecting the compliments which George III. had uttered when the Governor took his leave of the Court. On these points, as on the local situation of the family seat and the history of the Trelawnys, he had seat and the instory of the Treiawnys, he mad probably been enlightened, directly or indirectly, by one or other of the distinguished visitors. It is worth while to show who those visitors were. Sir William Trelawny, sixth visitors were. Sir William Trelawny, sixth baronet, was a grand-nephew of Bishop Trelawny, the third baronet, who may have been personally known to him, for the prelate survived until 1721. Lady Trelawny had more Trelawny blood in her veins than even her husband. Her father, Harry, fifth baronet, was a nephew of the bishop, while her mother was a daughter of the bishop and a sister of the fourth baronet. The Governor's cousin and fourth baronet. The Governor's cousin and sister-in-law, who was another of the tourists, was, of course, also a Trelawny through both father and mother. It would be difficult to imagine a family in which race traditions were likely to be more accurately preserved; and if the Jamaica correspondent obtained a knowledge of the old refrain from the Governor or his household, the manner in which the Bishop of Bristol was ignored by the narrator would be fatal to his pretensions to be the hero of the

The question next arises whether any striking event in the history of the Trelawnys oc-curred at the date indicated by the writer, "about a century and a half" prior to 1772. Now in the year 1627 the Government of Charles I. attempted to extort a forced loan from the country, but was almost wholly unsuccessful in Cornwall, owing to the stand made by Sir John Eliot and others. To punish this resistance Eliot was summoned to London, where he was imprisoned for six months; while his name and those of all the gentry opposed to the loan were struck out of the Cornish commission of the peace. It was found, however, that England generally looked on the arbitrary impost with as little approval as the western county, and after a twelvemonths' fruitless terrorism the Government was compelled to summon a Parliament in January, 1628. Eliot having offered himself for Cornwall, the local leaders of the Court parks. the local leaders of the Court party—consisting of Sir Reginald Mohun, John Trelawny, of Trelawny Castle, and about half a dozen other magistrates and deputy-lieutenants-constituted themselves a sort of royal commission, announcing that the care of the county had been en-trusted to them by the Privy Council, and declaring it to be their duty to nominate fitting candidates to represent the shire in Parliament; and in compliance with what they called an ancient and laudable custom they thereupon named two of themselves as most fitted to be elected. The decision was forwarded by the

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king's special postal messengers to the various districts, and the militia were ordered to attend and assist at the election (further details will be found in Forster's 'Life of Sir John Eliot'). be found in Forster's 'Late or Sir John Efict'). The illegal proceedings proved abortive. The feeling of the constituency in favour of Eliot and of a colleague of kindred views was overwhelming, and the Court candidates probably withdrew. Nevertheless, when the proceedings of the king's partisans in various counties were brought under the notice of the House of Combination of Mohum and Tralawmy in mons, the conduct of Mohun and Trelawny in Cornwall excited prominent attention. A special committee on the case having been appointed, the incriminated magistrates were summoned to Westminster. Being informed privately of the sympathy of the Government, Trelawny and three of his companions replied, in an offensively worded letter, that they were then employed upon his Majesty's affairs and could not attend for a fortnight. Their missive was voted a high contempt, and upon a peremptory summons for contempt, and upon a peremptory summons for their attendance being sent down, they thought it prudent to comply. The high displeasure of the House being manifest, they asked that comsel might be heard in their defence, which mas granted. Finally, on the 13th of May, after a full hearing, the Commons ordered John Trelawny and Walter Langdon to be imprisoned in the Tower until they had made a full avowal of their offences against the liberty of free election and of their contempt of the House (Commons' Journals). Refusing to make submis-sion, they remained in the Tower until the dissolution of the Parliament about six weeks later by the misguided king. Before that ill-timed stretch of authority took place it is highly probable that the fate of the two prisoners inspired apprehension amongst their friends in Cornwall, apprension amongst their friends in Cornwal, many of whom must have remembered the their recent fate of Raleigh. Whether such a crisis was not better calculated to inspire the refrain of "Shall Trelawny die?" than the incidents of sixty years later—when the offence charged against the seven bishops was merely the so-called publication of a libel, when imprisonment was ordered only because the defendants refused to give bail, and when their detention lasted only a week—is left to the judgment of the reader. Nothing more remains to be said, except that on the 26th of June, within an hour of dismissing Parliament, Charles I. sent a mandate to the Governor of the Tower ordering the liberation of the prisoners committed by the Commons. The fees due from Trelawny were paid by the king, and five days later his Majesty invested that gentleman with the title of a baronet, with which he triumphantly returned home to receive the congratulations of his JOHN LATIMER.

A CORRECTION.

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Trinity College, Cambridge, Nov. 8, 1891.

An Oxford friend, to whom students of these subjects are under obligations, has courteously pointed out to me that in my book 'The Golden Bough' I have seriously misunderstood and mistranslated a passage in Pliny. As the passage, so misunderstood and mistranslated, is one on which I built a considerable structure of hypothesis, I hope that, in justice to readers of 'The Golden Bough,' you will allow me to correct my mistake in your pages, and to indicate in a few words the consequences to the main argument of my book.

The passage in question is part of the famous one in which Pliny describes the cutting of the mistletoe by the Druids. As printed in Detlefsen's edition, which I used, it runs thus ('Nat. Hist.,'xvi., § 250): "Est autem id [scil.viscum] arum admodum inventu et repertum magna religione petitur et ante omnia sexta luna, que principia mensum annorumque his facit, et seculi post tricesimum annum, quia jam virium abunde habeat nec sit sui dimidia." Here, as my correspondent has pointed out to me, sexta luna

means "the sixth day of the moon," as is proved by passages like Pliny, 'Nat. Hist., 'xviii., § 347, and Columella, ii. 10. Indeed, Pliny's own words in the present passage, quia jam virium, &c., which I had wholly misunderstood, plainly indicate that sexta luna must refer to the crescent moon. I, however, took sexta luna to mean "the sixth month," i. e., June; and as it is still a rule of folk-lore that mistletoe and other magic plants should be culled on Midsummer Eve (June 23rd), I inferred that the Druids also gathered the mistletoe on Midsummer Eve. In point of fact Pliny, rightly understood, asserts no more than that the Druids cut the mistletoe by preference on the sixth day of the moon. Hence my inference that they cut it at Midsummer not only cannot be drawn from Pliny's statement, but is actually opposed to it, since the sixth day of the moon would coincide only by accident and at long intervals with Midsummer Eve. There is thus no ancient evidence whatever to show that the Druids cut the mistletoe at Midsummer. And as the supposition that they did so, combined with their human sacrifices, which there are some grounds for believing to have taken place at Midsummer, supplied the main link in the connexion which I sought to establish between the Balder myth and the rule of the Arician priesthood, it is clear that the discovery of my mistake leaves a serious breach in this part of my argument.

Literary Gossip.

WE understand that Lord Rosebery's 'Life of Pitt,' the publication of which has been looked forward to with much interest, will be published by Messrs. Macmillan & Co. at the beginning of next week.

A New monthly, entitled The Albemarle Review, will appear on December 15th. It is to aim at the promotion of individual independence of thought, and will be pledged to no fixed views. The list of contributors includes a good many eminent names.

Mr. David Nutt will publish in the course of the winter a new translation of the Hexateuch, by the Rev. W. E. Addis, in which the various documents will be discriminated typographically. The first volume, comprising 'The Oldest Book of Hebrew History,' accompanied by critical introduction and notes, will be ready shortly. In the series of "Pre-Tudor Texts" Mr. Gollancz's edition of the 'Crist,' with accompanying English version, introduction, notes, and glossary, will be ready, it is hoped, before Christmas. Miss E. Thompson's 'Wars of the Roses,' in the series of "English History from Contemporary Writers,' will be issued immediately. A new volume of 'Poems' by Mr. William Ernest Henley may be expected after Christmas. Mr. Oliver Elton's translation of the first nine books of Saxo Grammaticus, with mythological commentary by Mr. F. York Powell, will be published in conjunction with the Folk-lore Society early in 1892.

Two important books from the collection of the late Mr. John Vaughan are to be sold by Messrs. Sotheby on the 2nd of next month: Madame de Sévigné's letters, the Paris edition of 1806, in folio, enriched with a collection of autograph letters and 2,624 illustrations, begun by the Comte de Mussey, and completed by Miss Eliza Gulston; and Van Dyck's 'Icones Principum' (Antverpiæ, 1641), 110 very early impressions.

LADY VERNEY'S book 'Memoirs of the Verney Family during the Civil War, compiled from the Letters and illustrated by the Portraits at Claydon House, Bucks,' is in active preparation, but may not be ready for some weeks yet.

THE Oriental Translation Fund, New Series, I. (which has been commenced under new conditions, as the attempt to increase the fund at the disposal of the Royal Asiatic Society by subscription and donation has failed), begins with a translation by Mr. E. Rehatsek from the Persian of Mirkhond's 'Rauzat-us-Safa,' part i. vol. i., containing the Moslem version of our Bible stories, from the creation of genii before Adam up to the death of Aaron. This volume is now ready for sale and delivery at the rooms of the society in Albemarle Street. The second volume - containing the Moslem version of our Bible stories from the death of Moses to the mission of Isa (Jesus) and the dispersion of the Apostles, as also the biographies of Alexander the Great, of certain philosophers, and of the Persian kings of the Ashkanian and Sasanian dynasties—will be ready for delivery in March, 1892.

The first fruits of Sir Edwin Arnold's poetic musings in the Land of the Rising Sun will appear in the Contemporary Review for December under the title 'The 'No' Dance.' The poem, which is of some length, embodies in a form at once lyrical and dramatic a charming Japanese legend.

Mr. W. M. Rossetti writes from 3, St. Edmund's Terrace, Primrose Hill:—

"It has been decided by the committee of the Shelley Society, in conjunction with friends who desire to see the centenary of Shelley's birth commemorated in a worthy manner, to give a private performance of 'The Cenci,' in May, 1892, provided a special fund of 1004. be raised or guaranteed within reasonable time. Every subscriber of one guinea will become for the year 1892 a member of the Society, and will thereby be entitled to at least two reserved seats, with such additional tickets as circumstances may permit. Any further sum which may be offered, so as to augment the guarantee fund in case of need, will be welcomed. All those who are willing to advance or guarantee a subscription, and thus to promote the celebration of a very memorable date, are requested to send in their names to me at their earliest convenience."

Among the contributors to the December number of the Educational Review will be Mr. Arthur Sidgwick (on 'The Women's Question at Oxford'); the Hon Lyulph Stanley, whose article will deal with 'The Work before the London School Board'; and Prof. Skeat, who concludes his paper on 'The Educational Value of English.' Mr. Vernon Harcourt is also writing, 'The Greek Question from the Science Man's Point of View.'

Early in December will be issued, in one volume quarto to subscribers, 'A Jacobite Narrative of the War in Ireland, 1688–1691,' with illustrative letters and papers hitherto unpublished, edited by Mr. J. T. Gilbert, F.S.A. This unique 'Narrative' supplies, we are told, information not elsewhere accessible in relation to many important persons and affairs at the period of which it treats. In it are also embodied expositions of the views and projects of the Irish adherents of the house of Stuart.

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Among the illustrations are a reproduction of the rare portrait of Sarsfield, Earl of Lucan, and a facsimile of a letter from him. The edition is limited to two hundred copies, and it will be issued in London by Mr. Quarith.

Among the special features of the Christmas number of Literary Opinion will be a portrait of Miss Christina Rossetti, from a painting by the late Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and a criticism of her poetry by Mr. James Ashcroft Noble; also original poems by Lady Dilke, "Tasma," Mrs. Patchett Martin, and Mr. H. Smith Wright, M.P.; and special articles and sketches by Mr. Gilbert Parker, Mr. Marriott Watson, Mr. Charles L. Graves, Mr. Vernon Blackburn, Miss Elizabeth Lee, and the editor.

'RIXE OXONIENSES' is the title of a book by Mr. S. F. Hulton, which Mr. Blackwell, of Oxford, has in the press. It deals with the "Battles of the Nations," Town and Gown rows, and political riots of older Oxford, and will be illustrated by views of buildings now demolished, taken from Skelton's well-known work. Messrs. Methuen & Co. are the London publishers.

Under the title of the "Chiswick Press Editions" Messrs. C. Whittingham & Co. propose to issue a series of select English classical works, preference being given to such as are not easily obtainable in a separate or satisfactory form. The first volume will be a reprint from the first edition of Fielding's 'Journal of a Voyage to Lisbon,' with an introduction and notes by Mr. Austin Dobson. An engraved portrait of Fielding will be included. The following gentlemen have undertaken to edit further volumes of the series: Mr. George Saintsbury, Mr. Edmund Gosse, Mr. Sidney Lee, Mr. H. Buxton Forman, Mr. David Hannay, Dr. Richard Garnett, and Mr. Joseph Knight.

The new Canadian author William McLennan has taken certain features of French-Canadian life fifty years ago as the basis of a series of original sketches which he has written for Harper's Magazine. The first of these "Melchior" sketches (so called from the name of their supposed habitant narrator) appears in the Christmas number of Harper's Magazine. Miss Mary E. Wilkins, author of 'A New England Nun,' &c., has written a play and a novel, both of which will appear in Harper's Magazine during the course of the coming year, which will also contain 'Personal Reminiscences of Nathaniel Hawthorne,' by his college class-mate and lifelong friend Horatio Bridge, U.S.N., and a personal memoir of the Brownings, by Anne Thackeray Ritchie; also a serial novel by Mr. W. D. Howells, entitled 'A World of Chance.'

THERE will shortly be issued a volume of Highland tales and legends by Mrs. Mackenzie, wife of Mr. Alexander Mackenzie, editor of the Scottish Highlander, and late of the Celtic Magazine. Many of the tales appeared originally in the above-named publications under the pseudonym of "M. A. Rose," and are now collected and printed in a separate form for the first time, while several have not hitherto appeared in print.

M. ÉMILE OLLIVIER is publishing immediately, through M. Garnier, of Paris, a work on Michael Angelo, in which there is as much theology and political history as fine art. M. Émile Ollivier has completed three volumes on the origin of the war of 1870, with two volumes of introduction on the foreign policy of the Second Empire, in which he records the struggle between the partisans of the Russian and those of the English alliance. The publication of this work on modern history will begin in 1892.

The Rev. R. H. Charles, of Exeter College, Oxford, is preparing a new edition of the Ethiopic text of the Book of Enoch from a more complete and more correct MS. in the British Museum, brought from Magdala, and not used for the latest edition by Prof. Dillmann. The preface will contain a new view concerning the fragments out of which the book has been composed.

THE December number of the Newbery House Magazine will contain, amongst other matter, an article on the 'Future of Religious Education in Elementary Schools,' by the Dean of St. Paul's; and one on 'China and its Future,' by the Rev. R. Brooks Egan.

Messrs. Frederick Warne & Co. announce that Barker's Facts and Figures for 1892 will be issued immediately. Special features of the forthcoming number will be a Census supplement and an Election supplement, giving the results of all the elections at the general elections in 1885 and 1886, and at all the bye-elections since the 1885 election.

Messes. Luzac & Co. will publish shortly a new work by "Clelia," entitled 'Great Pan Lives,' in which Shakspeare's Sonnets 20–126 are analyzed, compared, and almost lineally paraphrased. Clelia's object is to show definitely and in detail that Sonnets 20–126 are explicable, line upon line throughout, as addressed directly to the idea of beauty.

'Through the Mill,' by Rux, author of 'Roughing it after Gold,' will shortly be published by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co.

A NEW quarterly magazine, the Essex Review, is promised, to be published by Messrs. Durrant & Co. It will be devoted mainly to the study of the literature, antiquities, family history, traditions, county and parochial records, dialect, folk-lore, quaint customs, &c., of Essex, and to the recording of everything of permanent interest to the county at large.

The first edition of Mr. J. M. Barrie's new novel, 'The Little Minister,' has already been exhausted, and a second edition is now in preparation, which will be ready next week.

The weekly organ of the Jews, the Jewish Chronicle, has just reached its jubilee, and celebrates the occasion by the publication of a special supplement. The first number was issued in 1841.

The death last week of Mr. Thomas Curson Hansard removes the leading spirit of more than half a century's work on the national debates. He was born in 1813 and called to the Bar of the Middle Temple in 1843.

In the death of M. J. P. Berjeau we have to record with regret the loss of an old con-

tributor, an eminent bibliophile, and the doyen of the French Republican journalists. Of his long life—eighty-two years—he spent in England all the period of Louis Napoleon's rule, and was active in his correspondence with the press both in this country and France. The establishment of the Bookworm and a number of works on the early history of printing are among his titles to remembrance on this side of the water.

The readers of F. von Bodenstedt will regret to hear that his wife, who for many years past has been suffering, is now very seriously ill. Madame Bodenstedt was described by George Eliot in her memoirs as "a delicate creature who sang us some charming Bavarian Volkslieder"; this was in the year 1858. The poet himself is also unwell, but ever at work. His new poem, 'Theodora: ein Sang aus dem Harzwald,' will appear at Christmas in a choicely illustrated edition. It was written this summer during a six weeks' visit to the Harz Mountains, that rise not far from the poet's birthplace, Peine.

PROF. D. H. MÜLLER, of Vienna, is going to publish a new and critical edition of the diary of the so-called Eldad of the tribe of Dan, who pretended to have visited the Ten Tribes in the year 880 A.D. This diary, which was printed for the first time in 1480, and has been reprinted several times since, has been fully investigated in Graetz's 'History of the Jews,' vol. v.; in the Jewish Quarterly Review, vol. i.; and more especially by Herr A. Epstein, of Vienna, who published an edition of the various texts found in MSS., and drew his own conclusions from them in his monograph. It is more than probable that Eldad's diary was imitated in the letters addressed by the famous Prester John to the Emperor Frederick and to the Pope Eugenius IV. Besides the printed text of Eldad's diary, it is contained in twelve MSS., viz., two in the British Museum, three in the Bodleian Library, four at St. Petersburg, one in each of the libraries of Parma, Rome, and Vienna, one of which is an Arabic translation. Prof. H. D. Müller is sure to establish with the help of these MSS. a correct text, which will be of value for the strange geographical names which it contains. The professor's publication will appear in the Denkschriften of the Vienna

The Sultan has taken into his employment Dr. J. Louis Sabunjie, a Syrian, who is known in the East as the editor and proprietor of an illustrated Arabic and English periodical called An-nahlah. He had gone to Constantinople about a railway speculation, according to the Levant Herald, and the Sultan has retained him, giving him a residence, gifts of money, and a salary of 30l. a month.

Some devout American ladies are reported to have collected a large sum of money for the purpose of erecting at Chicago a monument to Queen Isabella the Catholic, who patronized Columbus; but as she was an ardent promoter of the Inquisition, some persons of an antagonistic mode of thought have decided on erecting an "opposition monument," devoted to Lessing, as the champion of tolerance. Prof. Otto Lessing, the artist of the Lessing-Denkmal at Berlin,

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THE American Academy of Political and Social Science, with headquarters at Phila-delphia, announce the following works for early publication: a monograph by Gamaliel Bradford on 'Congress and the Cabinet,' in which he discusses a plan of giving the Cabinet seats in Congress; another by Anson D. Morse, of Amherst, on the 'Place of Party in the Political System'; and a third on 'Recent Tendencies in the Reform of Land Tenure,' by E. P. Cheney, of the Vicenity of Penyslevine. University of Pennsylvania.

THE Parliamentary Papers this week include Trade and Navigation Accounts for October (7d.); and Reports relative to the Assistance afforded by Foreign Govern-ments to the Provision of the Industrial Population for Old Age (3d.).

SCIENCE

PROF. MOSELEY.

WE regret to record the death, on the 10th of this month, of Henry Nottidge Moseley, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S., Linacre Professor of Human and Comparative Anatomy at Oxford, at the age of forty-six. The son of Canon Henry Moseley, F.R.S., he entered at Exeter College, Oxford, and took a First Class in the Natural Science School in 1868. He was elected Radcliffe's Travelling Fellow in 1869, studying in Leipzig and Vienna, and in 1871 accompanied the Eclipse Expedition to Ceylon, a voyage which bore fruit in an account of the land planarians of that island. As naturalist he sailed on the Challenger Expedition during the years 1873-1876; and, after a short period as Assistant Registrar at London University, was appointed at the close of 1881 to the Linacre chair on Prof. Rolleston's death. His most important contributions to science related to the anatomy and development of Peripatus capensis, tomy and development of Peripatus capensis, to the hydroid, alcyonarian, and madreporarian comis collected during the Challenger Expedition, and to the sensory organs in the shells of Chitonidæ. In him science lost prematurely a naturalist of the widest experience, an inves-tigator not only enthusiastic, but faithfully accurate, who possessed to a remarkable degree the power of impressing on others the enthu-sam which he himself felt.

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An old pupil writes:—

"What we felt more than anything else in Prof.
Roseley was the overwhelming force of his absolute
belief in the subject which he professed. When to
this is added that his consciousness of the duties
of his chair was acute, that he spared himself no
trouble which might make our work the clearer, it is
not difficult to understand how he attracted and
influenced a small band of enthusiasts, in spite of the
fact that he began his work in Oxford surrounded
by an almost bitter hostility. I doubt whether any
other then professor in undemonstrative Oxford
meeived the applause which congratulated Moseley
at the last lecture of his first course."

SOCIETIES.

GROLOGICAL.—Nov. 11.—Sir A. Geikie, President, in the chair.—Rev. J. C. Roberts and Mr. J. Whitehead were elected Fellows; and M. G. H. Cotteau, Auxerre, was elected a Foreign Member.—The following communications were read: 'On Dacrytherium ovinum from the 1sle of Wight and Quercy,' by Mr. R. Lydekker,—and 'Supplementary Remarks on Glen Roy,' by Mr. T. F. Jamieson.

STATISTICAL.—Nov. 17.—Dr. Mouat, President, in the chair.—The President delivered his inaugural

LINNEAN.—Nov. 5.—Prof. Stewart, President, in the chair.—Mr. W. L. Brown was elected and Prof. W.F. Weldon was admitted a Fellow of the Society.—On behalf of a number of subscribers, Mr. Carathers presented to the Society a half-length por-

trait in oils of Sir J. Lubbock, Bart., a former president, painted by Mr. L. Ward; and the remarks which he made on the services rendered to biological science by Sir J. Lubbock drew from the latter a graceful acknowledgment of the honour conferred upon him.—Amongst the exhibitions which followed, Mr. E. M. Holmes showed some new marine Algæ from the Ayrshire coast; and Mr. J. G. Grenfell showed some diatoms with pseudopodia, illustrating his remarks with diagrams, upon which an interesting discussion followed.—The President exhibited and made some observations on a tooth of the walrus, which illustrated in a curious manner the periods of growth.—Mr. R. V. Sherring called attention to a large series of framed photographs which had been taken under his direction in Grenada, and illustrated the general character of the West Indian flora as well as the physical features of that particular island.—Mr. J. E. Harting exhibited a specimen of Wilson's petrel, which had been jcked up in an exhausted state in co. Down on the 2nd of October last. and had been forwarded for inspection by Mr. R. Patterson, of Belfast. Mr. Harting gave some account of the species, and remarked upon the unusual number of petrels, shearwaters, skuas, and other marine birds which had been driven inland to a considerable distance during the recent gales.—A paper was read by the Rev. Prof. Henslow, entitled '4 Theory of Heredity based on Forces instead of any Special Form of Matter.' The author maintained that no special form of matter (as is generally supposed) other than protoplasm is required, the latest discoveries of the organized structure of protoplasm militating against the idea of any other special form of matter. Taking illustrativity of Armer december of the company of the recent gales.—A read of any other special form of matter. Taking illustrativity of server the carried and matter. form of matter (as is generally supposed) other than protoplasm is required, the latest discoveries of the organized structure of protoplasm militating against the idea of any other special form of matter. Taking illustrations from the animal and vegetable kingdoms, he inquired why two varieties of chickens fed from the first day to full growth were different. It seemed to him probable that the results were due to different arrangements of the same kinds of molecules rather than to different kinds of "germplasm." Ranunculus heterophyllis, he pointed out, produced a "land form" and a "water form" according to its environment; it therefore exhibited both "heredity" and "acquired characters." As the materials of its structure were the same in both cases, the different results, he considered, must be due to different arrangements of its molecules, and must be effected by forces. The sudden appearance of stomata on the "land form" "illustrated a case of forces normally "potential" while the leaf is submerged becoming "actual" when the leaf developed in air. After some further deductions Prof. Hensow concluded that protoplasm and the forces bound up with it were perfectly able to do all the work of transmitting parental characters as well as to acquire new characters, which in turn might become hereditary as well.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.—Nov. 17.—

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Anthropological Institute.—Nov. 10.—Dr. E. B. Tylor, President, in the chair.—The following gentleman were elected Members: Lieut.-Col. J. Hartley; Dr. A. M. Paterson; Messrs. S. Tsuboi, O. II. Howorth, and M. Sufthir Husain.—Mr. F. Galton exhibited on behalf of Lady Brooke a photograph of a human figure carved on a rounded sandstone rock in Sarawak; the rock is about twelve feet in height, and the sculpture is in high relief and of the size of life. Mr. Galton also exhibited some imprints of the hand by Dr. Forgeot, of the Laboratoire Criminale, Lyons.—Dr. Tylor read a paper 'On the Limits of Savage Religion.

MATHEMATICAL.—Nov. 12.—Prof. Greenhill, President, in the chair.—The President announced the recent decease of Mr. H. M. Jeffery, formerly of Cheltenham Grammar School, who had been a member of the Society since January, 1875.—The following were elected on the Council for the session 1891-92: President, Prof. Greenhill; Vice-Presidents, Dr. J. Larmor, Major Macmahon, and Mr. J. J. Walker; Treasurer, Mr. A. B. Kempe; Hon. Secretaries, Messrs M. Jenkins and R. Tucker; Other Members, Drs. Forsyth, Glaisher, and M. J. M. Hill, Messrs. A. B. Basset, E. B. Elliott, Hammond, Leudesdorf, A. E. H. Love, and S. Roberts.—The following communications were made: 'On Selective and Metallic Reflection,' by Mr. Basset,—'The Contacts of Systems of Circles,' Mr. A. Larmor,—'On a Class of Automorphic Functions,' Prof. W. Burnside,—'Note on the Identity 4 (xp.-1) / (x-1)=Y2 ± pZ',' Prof. G. B. Mathews,—'On the Classification of Binodal Quartic Curves,' (the late) Mr. H. M.

Jeffery,—'Researches in the Calculus of Variations:

I. Discriminating Conditions in Isoperimetrical Problems.' Mr. E. P. Culverwell,—'Note on Clifford's Paper "On Syzygetic Relations among the Powers of Linear Quantics,"' Prof. Cavley,—and 'Note on finding the G Points of a given Circle with Respect to a given Triaugle of Reference, Mr. J. J. Griffiths.

PHYSICAL.—Nov. 6.—Dr. E. Atkinson, V.P., in the chair.—Miss A. Lee, Mr. W. A. Shenstone, and Mr. F. McLean were elected Members.—Prof. S. Young read a paper 'On the Generalizations of Van der Waals regarding "Corresponding" Temperatures, Pressures, and Volumes.'

ARISTOTELIAN.—Nov. 16.—Mr. S. Alexander, V.P., in the chair.—Papers were read by Messrs. S. H-Hodgson. B. Bosanquet, and D. G. Ritchie, on the subject 'The Origin of the Perception of an External World.'—A discussion followed.

HUGUENOT.—Nor. 11.—Mr. W. J. C. Moens. V.P., in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: The Rev. W. L. Girardot, Rev. W. J. Woods, Rev. G. E. Yate. Major J. L. Steavenson, Mesers. F. Chifferiel, S. E. Huntley, E. H. Lefroy, W. J. Mercer; also the Public Library, Boston, U.S., and the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.—A paper was read on 'Les Réformés Flamands et Wallons réfugiés en Angleterre dans le Seizième Siècle,' by M. C. H. Rahlenbeck, of the Société d'Histoire de Belgique.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

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Hoyal Academy, 4—'Chemistry, Mr. A. H. Church.
Surveyors' Institution, 8.
Geographical, 8), —'A Journey across the Pamir from North to
South,' Mr. 8t. George Littledale.
Civil Engineers, 8.—'Discussion on the Papers by Mesara.
Hamber, Carey, and Smith on Portland Coment and PortlandCement Concrete.

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Photographic, 8.

Geological, 8.—'On the Os pubis of Polacanthus fazi,' Prof H. G. Seeley; 'A Comparison of the Red Rocks of the South Devon Coast with those of the Midland and Western Counties,' Prof. E. Hull; 'Supplementary Note on the Red Rocks of the Devon Coast-Section,' Rev. A. Irving.

Society of Aris, 8.—'Measurement of Lenses,' Prof. S. P. Thompson.

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Literature, 8.—'The Origin and Progress of the Society,' Mr.
E. W. Brabrook.
Royal Academy, 4.—'Chemistry,' Mr. A. H. Church.

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Works, Thames Ditton,' Capt. H. R. Sankey and Mr. F. V.

Andersen.

Civil Engineers, 7½.— 'Modern Railway Carriages,' Mr. W.

Clemence (Students' Mecting).

Botanic, 5½.— Election of Fellows.

Science Cossip.

THE session of the Royal Society opened last Thursday with several papers in mathematical and physical subjects. The death roll of the Society for the past year, which stood about a month ago at ten names, has risen now to fifteen; Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Wharton Jones, Mr. H. M. Jeffery, and Prof. Moseley having followed each other in quick succession, to whom must be added Mr. W. H. Smith, who was a member of the "privileged class."

THE Council of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society have appointed a committee to co-operate with the Director-General of the Ordnance Survey of the United Kingdom in the revision of the place-names of Scotland. Dr. James Burgess, C.I.E., is the convener.

UNDER the title 'Bibliotheca Accipitaria,'

Under the title 'Bibliotheca Accipitraria,' Mr. J. E. Harting has on the eve of publication a bibliography of falconry with critical notes. It deals with 378 works in various languages ancient and modern, and will be illustrated with portraits of famous falconers by Holbein, Titian, Van Dyck, Frans Floris, Gerhardt, and other masters. The volume concludes with an English glossary and a vocabulary in seven languages of the technical terms used by falconers.

DURING a long official life spent in India and other parts of the East, Col. Tweedie, Her Majesty's Consul at Bagdad, had devoted considerable attention and study to the Arab horse. He has travelled through Mesopotamia in order to verify statements made to him by Arab breeders and others, and thus he has collected at first hand a knowledge of the Arab horse, his home, and his peculiar characteristics. In the course of his wanderings his philological instinct has led him to collect a number of important facts concerning the etymology of the names of places in remote deserts, and he is thus able to correct many of the mistakes made by former travellers. During the last few years he has

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been putting into literary form the results of his labours, and he hopes shortly to publish them. His book on the Arab horse will contain chapters not only on his origin, breeding, types, medicines, &c., for the veterinary specialist, but also on Oriental subjects of interest to the general reader. Geographical and philological indexes will be a marked feature of the work. Col. Tweedie hopes to arrive in England this winter to pass his work through the press.

Last week, under the auspices of the Manchester Geographical Society, Mrs. French-Sheldon gave an address in which she narrated her experiences in her recent adventurous journey in the Kilimanjaro country. She stated that she was the only Englishwoman who had successfully accomplished a journey in that region.

THE establishment of a medical faculty at the University of Lemberg has been sanctioned by the Emperor of Austria, subject to the granting of the necessary subsidies by the Reichsrath. The new department is expected to be opened at the beginning of the session 1894-95.

AT Arcevia, in Italy, an extensive prehistoric village has been discovered, and numerous foundations of circular huts have been laid bare, having a diameter of four metres. Excavation revealed stone arms, some of them of very elaborate workmanship, stone hammers, implements made of staghorn, and vessels of various forms possess ing handles like those to be seen in the vases of the terremare. It would appear from the character of what has now been found that the population of these two kinds of ancient settlements must have been ethnically connected.

FINE ARTS

Venise: ses Arts Décoratifs, ses Musées, et ses Collections. Par É. Molinier. Illustrated. (Librairie de 'L'Art.')

IF one had to select for an accomplished critic a theme which was sumptuous, magnificently ornate, and compound of decorative glories, it would be impossible to hit upon a better than Venice decorative, or to give it to a fitter man than M. Molinier-a learned and tasteful attaché of the Louvre more than one of whose works we have already commended to the reader, and who, in a matter germane to that now in question, furnished students with an excellent catalogue raisonné of bronzes of the Renaissance. That "Venice spent what Venice earned," a searching dictum of Browning, is attested by this comprehensive volume, its clear and animated text, its spirited etchings and two hundred woodcuts-illustrations worthy of the "Bibliothèque Internationale de l'Art," to which this work is the latest addition.

M. Molinier has appropriated a chapter to each division of his subject. In thus treating them he offers his reader a bird's eve view of those superb manifestations of design which he has no difficulty in proving to be, if not the noblest, at least the most splendid, and perhaps the most costly of their kind. Glow, energy, multiplicity of elements (bespeaking worlds of resource), and a certain defect of logical appropriate ness-which, from the pictures on Castel-Durante ware to Tintoretto's masterpieces of mural decoration, are amply illustrated in this volume—characterize Venetian decorative art, whether it is due to the influence of the Byzantines, as in St. Mark's; of Gothic ideas, as in the Ca d'Oro and

other mediæval buildings; or of that gorgeous and somewhat confused phase of the later Renaissance with which most of us associate the florid autumn of design which is, popularly speaking, Venetian proper. The splendid art of the Villa Barbaro, which is here taken as a type of that later time when Paolo Veronese painted Venice and his contemporaries, is an example of decorative magic with a solid existence more wonderful than poets have described of their day-dreams, and it is

Venetian in the highest phase.

There is associated with this prodigality of power and intention something ornate and unchastened in many wonders of Venetian decoration, and this obtained throughout the sixteenth century. For example, the huge Atlantes of the Nympheum by A. Vittoria in the aforesaid Villa Barbaro, masculine and picturesque as they are, are barbarous if compared with the canephora of Athens. The very grace which obtained where the Gothic types survived (later in Venice, as M. Molinier wisely affirms, than elsewhere in Italy) is there a little in excess. The figure sculptures attributed to B. Bon are exactly such as, if met with in France (where their original types were found), are almost as florid as they are beautiful; the famous carvings of the capitals of the Ducal Palace, likewise ascribed to Bon, and dating from the fifteenth century, are renowned for their vigour and noble technique as well as because they show Gothic influence combined with the energetic quasi-classic types which belong to the true Renaissance. And they are more florid still. The Byzantine elements of that wonderful "mélange bizarre," as it is here styled, St. Mark's, are more Byzantine than their originals, and more lavish in colour and gold than the mosaics of Constantinople or Thessalonica.

Ornateness, energy, a little excess of grace, voluptuousness in colour and (even in sculpture) in form, are the technical motives of Venice. Everywhere picturesque and splendid as it was, it is noteworthy that as Venetian decorative art passed successively under Byzantine, Oriental, Gothic, and Renaissance influences, the same superfluity continued to exist, while, as we have seen, the intense conservatism of the Venetians caused them to adhere to artistic models and types long generations after they had ceased to be followed elsewhere. Nowhere, as our author points out, was art more intimately associated with the life of the people than in Venice. All the art crafts were represented there, being those of the bronze founder, chiseller of iron, glass-stainer, armourer, jeweller, goldsmith, enameller, bookbinder, leather worker, weaver, embroiderer, upholsterer, and carver. Venice was the birthplace of that youngest of the art crafts, lace-making, and she supplied Europe with masterpieces of every kind. Well might it be said that her workmen lived the life artistic, as M. Molinier is careful to point out.

When we look within, so to say, the magnificent decorative triumphs of Venice, especially those which are pictorial, such as the pictures of Veronese and his inferior followers, we find their undoubted charms marred a little by the same excess and a little by vulgarity. The superb morbidezza,

the sumptuous garments, the dignified carriage, the grandeur of the sweeping and graceful lines of the splendid figures, have their inferior complements in the voluptuousness which pervades every one of their motives, and the heavy forms and exaggerated features, unchastened and un-spiritualized, of the very human faces ascribed to gods and goddesses. From these, if from nothing else, we might be sure that Venice would spend prodigally "what Venice earned." From the Lombardi to Tiepolo we recognize in Venice a world of decorative art which is ably illustrated here. It has not a spiritual element in it, but amazes us with its wonders of dramatic invention, its power of realizing the romantic phase of art, the scenic aspects of the subjects selected, and the incomparable fecundity of the Venetian masters, which rightly calls forth our author's admiration.

M. Molinier carefully points out the connexion of the decorations here in question with the designs of the buildings containing them. "L'architecte est resté," he says, "comme au Moyen-Age, le maître de l'œuvre ; mais bien entendu il n'en est pas moins vrai que quand la peinture est bonne, comme c'est le cas, c'est sur l'ouvrage du peintre que se reporte à peu près toute l'attention." Painters of the purest and the grandest class were reduced to the "rôle de décorateur"; Veronese himself, our author reminds us, painted in the church of St. Sebastian. where he is buried, elegant garlands upon the walls, and covered the wings of the organ with "peintures admirables." Titian and Giorgione, masters still greater than Paolo, actually painted in fresco the facade of the Fondaco dei Tedeschi, and thus squandered their genius and skill where the weather was sure to obliterate or degrade whatever was open to its attacks. Even these stupendous artists, and especially Veronese, produced, like Tiepolo in later days, grand decorative compositions, intended to illustrate Venetian life in a fashion which was more scenic and theatrical than our author, who does not fail to mark the excess in taste, is disposed to approve. Grand as these achievements were, the grandiose elements in their work were distinctly Venetian and realistic. With Mansueti we stroll in the markets or see the ladies and their lovers stepping into gondolas or passing the cavern-like portals of their palaces. Here we have genre painting in perfection long before that handy term was invented. But in Venice nowhere is there an attempt to soar to such realms of thought or contemplation as the Romans and Florentines were ever striving to attain. The very allegories were of the flesh, and almost fleshy.

It is pleasant to find oneself in accord

with an author who exalts Tiepolo—a master who is now much undervalued, but who, had he been born two centuries earlier, would have taken a rank inferior to very few. He had the resources, without the theatric mannerisms, of Le Brun-that fine, but false antique, another high spirit born too late. M. Molinier recognizes the relationship of Tiepolo with Rosalba Carriera, Canaletto, Guardi, and Pietro Longhi as decorative painters of Venetian life who carried on (the last to the latest days of the Republic) the traditions of Bellini and Carpaccio, Mansueti and Veronese, Titian,

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Tintoretto, and Giorgione. The reader will rise from perusing this admirable section of M. Molinier's work with thanks for his industry and respect for the comprehensiveness of his views.

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The section on "Le Bronze" is, as one might expect from knowledge of M. Molinier's previous studies, brighter, crisper, and better ordered than any of those which follow it here. The hammer-work, the follow it here. The hammer-work, the models and productions in *cire perdue* of Leopardi, Moderno, Camelio, Il Riccio, and Sansovino, are all briefly and deftly described and considered with the aid of many capital cuts of choice examples in the Museo Correr, at South Kensington and the Louvre. An apt and just tribute is paid to the patriotic zeal and self-sacrifice of the generous founder of the Museo, a noble Venetian who collected all he could of those artistic testimonies which affirmed the genius of his forefathers of the Republic and the skill of her artisans, and in 1830 presented the whole to his country. It was a generous gift, without which Venice would have known, so to say, but little of her own past glories in decorative art. Had the city to wait till now for the beginning of a collection so precious, it is doubtful if, thanks to "the Jews and the English," anything like it could have been created. "Le Bronze" is succeeded by "La Céramique" and its painted examples, which are more rare than grateful to the artistic eye trained in a noble school of decorative art. Of course this chapter is occupied by an account of Castel-Durante ware and its Raphaelesque paintings, and the fuience peinte of Gubbio, Faenza,

The remaining sections of this book are devoted to the jewellers, glass workers and painters, the workers in iron and other metals, the silk weavers and lace makers of Venice; and the text concludes with notices of MSS., miniatures, and woodcuts.

ART FOR THE NURSERY.

THE best of this category of pretty things which have yet reached us from Messrs. Routdge & Sons is a collection of designs, reduced in size and very well coloured, like the original versions of ancient tales illustrated by that very clever, but much over-praised artist, the late R. Caldecott, entitled R. Caldecott's Picture-Book. It contains some of his best and wittiest designs adapted to 'John Gilpin,' 'The House that Jack Built,' 'The Babes in the Wood,' and 'An Elegy on the Death of a Mad Dog.' The last-tweed temperady covered come of the artist's best named tragedy engaged some of the artist's best powers, but the legend of the 'House' is, to our mind, his masterpiece; great he was in respect to cat-character, but greater still in delineating the domestic dog, e. g., the street mongrel who, looking round the corner of a house, sees pussy seated on her tail and contentedly purring, but ignorant of the coming foe. The Parachute, &c., with cuts by Mr. C. E. Brock, comprises degree verses of some spirit and caricatured designs of an amusing, but rather crude order of wit. The Book of the Circus, with illustrations by M. Jules Garnier, was originally French, and comprises ninety very clever cuts indeed, of mountebanks, their pranks and feats with animals. The text matches the illustrations. If the Panorama of Birds, Beasts, and Fishes, a book the leaves of which fold out, were better coloured, its sketches of animals would be better worth having. They are gaudy, not to say rulgar in colour. The cuts in Old Mother Huband are trivial as well as crudely coloured. All these come from the above-named firm.

Mr. Fisher Unwin issues Marjorie and her Mr. Fisher Unwin issues Marjorie and her Papa, a pleasant legend, with very good cuts in outline by the author, Mr. R. H. Fletcher.—There is a good deal of quaintness and "go" in the coloured and uncoloured cuts of Aunt Nellie's Picture-Book of Nonsuch, by Mr. H. C. Finlay (Glasgow, Bryce & Son).—The Little Princes in the Tower, by Lysah, is a child's book of sentimental history with deftly drawn cuts of no great merit (Trischler & Co.).—The Nursery 'Alice' (Macmillan & Co.) contains 'enlargements' of Mr. Tenniel's illustrations of 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland,' with the text adapted to nursery readers. We are not quite sure there was occasion for the republica-tion or the adaptation; but if anybody wants either, or both, he is well suited in this book. Mr. Tenniel's fun is rather serious and the adaptation is rather stiff.—The Picture World for Little People (Cauldwell) contains commonplace woodcuts, apparently borrowed, and decidedly rough. — Over the Hills Avony! with illustrations in colours to poems by F. E. Weatherly (Hildesheimer & Faulkner), is a very pithy little book, with nice designs of children neatly engraved and tinted. The verses are The verses are spirited in their way as well as neatly rhymed.

The colours of the illustrations, most of which are poor things, in Little Merry Makers (Warne & Co.) are unworthy of that well-reputed firm.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has an eye to markets not English, and errs in importing that unnaturalized foreigner Santa Claus by means of Little Santa Claus, and other Stories. The text is tolerable; the cuts are not bad, but commonplace. The cuts are much better in A Broken Vase, and other Stories (same publishers), a little book which makes "a pair" with the last. We fail to see how Christianity can be "promoted" by these means; that function belongs to better colours and finer art.—In a like benevolent spirit the Sunday School Union has issued The Child's Own Magazine, Vol. LVIII., with little cuts and little stories.—Messrs. R. Tuck & Sons illustrate The Sea Service, by C. N. Robinson, with cuts by W. H. Overend, which represent sailor-men and officers in costumes of various dates. The cuts are good in their way.

NEW PRINTS.

Messrs. Boussod, Valadon & Co. and Messrs. Shepherd Brothers conjointly have made two noteworthy additions to that numerous group of mezzotints from portraits of ladies of the last century which the success of Mr. Appleton's admirable Romney called into being. These prints are represented by artist's proofs now before us, the works of Mr. J. Watkins Chapman, and engraved as companions. The one picture is by Hoppner, and is a bust of Lady Almeria Carpenter, a once celebrated beauty and leader of ton, Lady of the Bedchamber to the Duchess of Gloucester, and by Horace Walpole said to be the mistress of the duke. Vers de société and the scandalous chronicles of the time often mentioned her. She had a very fine English face, here a little out of drawing, full of character and of high breeding. The other portrait is of a much better known lady, whose reputation is beyond disputing about, and is one of many Romney painted of Lady Hamilton. It is the well-known and much admired version, which has a history of its own, called 'Sensibility.' The beautiful, almost sculpturesque face appears in three-quarters view to our right, looking up, and with bright eyes and expressive lips. The prints, although, even as mezzotints, a little over soft, are refined, spirited, broad, 'and delicate, and in good keeping throughout.

The former publishers have sent us a selection from their "Estampes Miniatures," being reduced versions of capital engravings from charming pictures of modern date. They include ten of a series of twelve typifying the months of the

French Revolutionary calendar, from designs by M. Kaemmerer, in graceful and spirited figures of ladies clad and accompanied according to the seasons in question. The other ministures reproduce capitally pictures by Greuze, MM. Delort, Bayard, Bouguereau, Kaemmerer ('Le Cabaret du Bord de l'Eau'), and others. They are all very pretty, and are intended to serve as "cards" of the season.

From the same firm we have an artist's proof on vellum, with the remarque (a cuirassier on horseback), of a capital plate etched in his characteristic manner by M. C. Courtry, after Meissonier's 'Staff Officer Reconnoitring' while standing on a headland, holding a note-book, and looking through his glass at the plain which extends from below his feet. A mounted hussar orderly waits behind his chief, and holds the horse of the latter. Though somewhat hard and "positive," its sole shortcomings, the print represents with skill, firmness, and completeness the design and technique of the master, his energetic conception, thorough draughtsmanship, and profound research. There is excellent etching in the foreground, and the distant parts of the landscape demand our praises.

Messrs. P. & D. Colnaghi give us an artist's proof impression from Mr. M. Cormack's mezzotinted plate of 'Pea-Blossom,' by Mr. Poynter, which was at the Academy in 1890, and represents a comely English damsel dressed in white, with a fillet about her head, looking over her shoulder while moving to our left, and holding a basket full of flowers. It is instinct with the spirit of the picture, the face a happy and graceful reproduction, the modelling just and solid in Mr. Poynter's learned manner, and the drawing first rate. The quality of the light and shade is very true and tenderly rendered.

Mr. G. W. Rhead (3, Queen Anne Terrace, S.W.) has published his large etching after Mr.

Mr. G. W. Rhead (3, Queen Anne Terrace, S.W.) has published his large etching after Mr. F. M. Brown's picture in the Manchester Town Hall entitled 'The Foundation of Manchester by the Romans,' one of the series we have described severally as they were finished. It gives very successfully the energy and dramatic qualities of the original, reproduces without favouring them the technical characteristics of the painter, and is fortunate in transcribing the coloration and chiaroscuro of his picture. The execution is a little rough, and the etcher's hand is decidedly heavy.

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Mr. Millard Davis(57, Charing Cross) publishes a very pretty mezzotint, by Mr. R. Smythe, after 'Childhood,' by Greuze, which is in the Royal Collection. We have reason to praise the veracity and pleasantness of the print, of which we have an artist's proof. It is good in itself, and ought to be popular. We are asked to say that Her Majesty has signified her admiration of a similar proof.

KIRKSTALL ABBEY.

It is impossible to read without a shudder and a smile what has appeared in the Atheneum touching the remarkable efforts of the Leeds Corporation to preserve "what remains of Kirkstall Abbey in the state in which they received it." These efforts, however "praiseworthy" they may be, serve to show what can be done by civilization and education (with all the resources of an enlightened age behind them) quite destitute of those few attributes which are among the most beautiful that can adorn and illuminate the human mind.

It is fortunate for the abbey that it is now in the hands of experts who are above the destruction of old work by what they charitably call "imitative 'restoration'"; but it seems, nevertheless, to be in no little jeopardy, except as an architectural specimen. It would be a far better specimen in the eyes of the future habitus of the recreation ground if it were taken down and rebuilt. Indeed, if there is no middle course between what has been done to preserve the abbey and the letting it tumble down alto-

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gether, a good, honest, thoroughgoing builder's contract would seem to be as good a resource as

Those who have lived in the country for many years and have kept their eyes about them will demur, I think, to the statement (however vigorously backed by architectural authority) that ivy is "a most insidious and deadly poison" to ruinous buildings. They will be able to call instances to mind where, kept within proper bounds, it has become a source of strength—a reprieve granted by kindly Time, postponing his own inevitable sentence on man's handiwork.

Apart from the fact that, time out of mind, and almost as far back in antiquity as any modern savant cares to search, ivy has been associated with ancient buildings in our national song, story, and legend—apart from this, would any man outside the architectural profession be bold enough to say that if these buildings had been stripped of their ivy centuries ago, pointed, slated, and (in the comprehensive words of your correspondent) "attended to" from time to time, we should have been much the better

Let us imagine for one moment, if we can, such views on preservation as these pushed to their logical conclusion, and (with the help of assistant secretaries and wealthy corporations) carried out all over Europe. Let us imagine every fragment of antiquity worth the outlay of a good round architect's commission stripped, and raked, and pointed, levelled at the top, slated in, and grouted—made, in fact, as sound and solid as the Post Office Savings Bank in St. Martin's -le - Grand or the New Scotland Yard—what would the gain be against the loss? Would it be only a few "ignorant sentimentalists" who would lament?

Your correspondent speaks of "artists' of the class which regards a 'ruin' as only an incident in landscape gardening and a variety of the rockery." Such a class of artists may exist (I have been fortunate in meeting none of them). But for the artistic profession in general, it largely consists of men who have spent many years in the study of the beautiful, not in nature alone, but often in architecture and sometimes in literature—men whose very professional existence depends on an extremely refined culture of the eye combined with mental culture, and a superlatively skilful mastery over the materials with which they have to work. Is this a profession which is to be refused a voice in the treatment of a great national inheritance, the bequests of antiquity?

That preservative measures of the right kind in the case of ancient buildings are often urged and always encouraged in your columns is easily proved, and an instance will be found in a note on the dormitory of Waverley Abbey, to be found in your issue for July 19th, 1890, and, more recently, with regard to Fountains Abbey. Such of the former remains as have survived past vandalism are now in the possession of a tasteful and appreciative owner, who, happily, does not regard ivy as "an insidious and deadly poison." But perhaps in years to come even the Waverley ruins will be "attended to "with the usual result.

A. H. Palmer.

Jine-Art Cossip.

The Society of Painters in Water Colours has appointed Saturday next, the 28th inst., for the private view of its winter exhibition of drawings and sketches. The public will be admitted on Monday following.

In the Academy Exhibition of 1880 was a very effective group of sculptures, by Mr. C. B. Birch, representing Lieut. W. R. Pollock Hamilton, V.C., bestriding a prostrate Afghan whom he had struck down with his sword, and with a revolver in his extended left hand threatening another enemy. The incident referred to oc-

curred during the attack on the British Embassy at Cabul in September, 1879, when Sir Louis Cavagnari and others were slain, including Lieut. Hamilton. A cast of the group has been for some time on view at Dublin, where it is now proposed to erect a version of it in bronze. For this purpose funds are being collected, and it is intended in this manner to celebrate the devotion and death of the Victoria Cross hero. The scheme is promoted by, among others, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, H.R.H. the Earl of Wemyss, Viscount Cranbrook, Sir F. Leighton, and Sir Patrick Grant. The hon. treasurer, who will receive subscriptions, is Capt. Adrian Jones, 147, Church Street, Chelsea, S.W.

Messrs. P. & D. Colnaghi will shortly publish a new mezzotint engraving by Mr. H. Scott Bridgwater, after Hoppner's portrait of Miss Frances Vane, which bears the name of 'Miranda.' There will be printed only 150 artist's proofs for sale; and 300 prints on India paper, likewise for sale, will be taken from the plate

MR. A. L. COLLIE publishes reduced statuettes in bronze of Mr. H. Thornycroft's statue of Mr. John Bright.

THE December issue of the Antiquary will contain an article on 'Prehistoric Archaeology in Italy,' by Dr. Munro, the author of 'Lake Dwellings in Europe.'

Messrs. J. R. and Frank Kidson's 'Historical Notices of the Leeds Old Pottery (1760 to 1878),' with a description of the wares there produced, is announced as in the press.

Messrs. A. & C. Black have in the press a work by Prof. J. Henry Middleton (author of 'Ancient Rome in 1888'), entitled 'The Remains of Ancient Rome.'

The proprietors of the *Portfolio* will open next week in the Japanese Gallery, 28, New Bond Street, a selection from the numerous body of drawings made for reproductions in their well-known artistic magazine.

Many will be pleased to hear that the Sultan has, at a cost of 2,000k, repaired the ancient Seljukian Alaeddin mosque at Kenieh. It may be noted that extensive repairs have for many years been made of mosques and ancient buildings throughout Turkey, partly at the expense of the Civil List and partly from the funds of the Commission of the Evkaf, an administration of the nature of our Ecclesiastical Commission. Many new mosques and schools are built in the villages founded by the immigrants and exiles who have poured in from neighbouring countries. To these structures the Sultan has been a large contributor.

M. HAUVETTE has arrived in Athens for the purpose of making a topographical plan of Delphi, in order to facilitate the French excavations now on the point of beginning.

An interesting example of Pompeian art was discovered last week at Pompeii in the house now under process of excavation. It consists of a domestic larario placed in the upper portion of a cubicolo. The stucco mouldings and the painted decoration are as fresh as if executed yesterday. A standing figure of Hercules, holding his club in one hand and a vase in the other, fills the wall of the niche. On the ledge were found an elegant statuette of Mercury in gilt bronze, another of a priestess and an amulet representing a dolphin, also in the same material; in terra-cotts ware a Pallas, painted in colours, a votive offering of a head, and a model of an altar with the remains of a burnt offering upon it. The portable objects have been removed to the Naples Museum. The height of the larario is about eighteen inches.

THE present Minister of Public Instruction in Italy, Signor Villari, has recently issued a series of documents deserving the attention of those interested in the preservation of public

monuments. They display an evident desire to deal seriously with the question, and are calculated to impress on the municipal authorities throughout Italy the necessity of fulfilling their duties in this particular. The first, dated June 26th, is addressed to the Prefects of the kingdom, directing them to call the attention of the municipalities to certain articles of the communal and provincial laws, and requiring them to make a list of the public monuments, noting their artistic and historical interest; forbidding the destruction or defacement of such monuments, and not permitting the owner to repair or touch them without previously giving notice to the proper official. If in repairing or demolishing a building not on the list any remains of the past are discovered, the proprietor must suspend operations and give notice of the discovery to the municipality. A second circular, dated August 7th, is conceived in the same spirit. A third appeared on September 7th, especially relating to inscriptions on monuments of the past. It may be said that these documents have only an academic interest in this country, since in Italy the efforts of all parties are directed to the unification and solidification of the country, the sentiment appealed to by the minister being purely patriotic. However, they at least possess an historical value.

MUSIC

THE WEEK.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—London Symphony Concerts.
SHAFTESBURY THEATRE.—'Il Matrimonio Segreto,' 'Cavalleria Rusticana.'
COVENT GARDEN.—' Lobengrin.'
ROYAL CHORAL SOCIETY.—Prof. Stanford's 'Eden.'

The programme of Mr. Henschel's Symphony Concert on Thursday last week was a model of its kind, though it need not be discussed at length, as it did not contain any novelties. An excellent performance was given of Haydn's Symphony in c, No. 1 of the Salomon set; but the orchestra was less happy in Schumann's 'Genoveva' Overture and a selection from the third act of 'Die Meistersinger.' M. Ysaye's rendering of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto is, at any rate, unconventional, and therefore interesting; but we cannot approve of the liberties he takes with the tempo, &c., in the first movement. His splendid tone and immensely broad phrasing were extremely effective in Max Bruch's 'Scottish' Fantasia, a clever and, of its kind, very fine work.

Signor Lago has set himself a hopeless task in endeavouring to revive interest in the Italian operas of a past age. The music of such a work, for example, as Cimarosa's 'Il Matrimonio Segreto' not only sounds thin and artificial, but artists are not trained to execute it properly, nor do they cultivate the stage deportment required for the embodiment of characters of the period. Matrimonio Segreto' is in a certain degree a comedy of manners, and the bearing of those who took part in the performance on Thursday last week was in some instances ungainly and awkward. Still, their efforts were not wholly without merit, Madame Valda, Madame Gargano, and Mlle. Fabbri impersonating the three women with much spirit, while Signor Chinelli and Signor spirit, while Signor Carefully. Buti at any rate sang carefully.

As 'Cavalleria Rusticana' is now to be played nightly until the end of the season, some variations in the cast are, of course, needful, and on Saturday Miss Macintyre impersonated the wronged Santuzza for the first time, singing and acting the part im-

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pressively. The general performance has greatly improved since the first night, and is in every respect worthy of the charming little work.

The repetition performance of 'Lohengrin' at Covent Garden on Monday was extremely unsatisfactory. M. Scovel sang the music of the titular part better than could have been expected, and Mr. Ffrangcon Davies was excellent as the Herald in the first act, singing the part in English. In the second act he did not appear at all, and the series of male choruses was omitted. The choristers were feeble throughout, and the orchestra, particularly the wind contingent, was disgracefully slipshod. The season has been chiefly noteworthy for the admirable performances of French works by the leading artists of the Paris Opéra Comique. We have authority for saying that Sir Augustus Harris, with whom rest the performing rights of Wagner's later music-dramas, intends next season to produce some sections of 'Der Ring des Nibelungen' in German, with M. Van Dyck as Siegmund and Siegfried.

The first performance in London of Prof.
Villiers Stanford's Birmingham oratorio Eden' was evidently regarded as an event of considerable interest, the audience at the Albert Hall on Wednesday evening being very large. The remarkable book of Mr. B.S. Bridges and Prof. Stanford's ingenious score have been so recently discussed that there is no reason to describe the work there is no reason to describe the work further in its varied aspects. We are still of opinion that it would be strengthened by the curtailment of the first part, or act, but there is little that could be spared from the remaining sections. That Mr. Barnby's choir, only three weeks after laying aside Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, could master a work so full of difficulties as 'Eden' is a further proof, if any were needed, of the supreme excellence of this body of amateur rocalists. Almost every point was attacked with unwavering precision, and the observance of the nuances and the clear enunciation of the words call for unstinted praise. Unfortunately the orchestra was not so large as at the last concert, when a perfect balance was secured, and many of the composer's happiest effects were not realized. The solo parts were all in good hands, Mr. Henschel, as at Birmingham, making an extraordinary impression in the part of Satan. Miss Macintyre and Mr. Ben Davies, who replaced Miss Anna Williams and Mr. Lloyd, were both excellent; and commendable service in the subsidiary parts was rendered by Mrs. Brereton, ladame Hope Glenn, Mr. John Probert, and Mr. Norman Salmond.

English Carols of the Fifteenth Century. Edited by J. A. Fuller Maitland. (Leadenhall Press.)—These carols are taken from a MS. roll in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, and are given in their original form and notation, and also translated into modern notation with additional parts by Mr. W. S. Rockstro. The fiteenth century may be regarded as a transitional period in music, when the science of counterpoint was being evolved from the older descant and the still older diaphony. The counterpoint here is very rough and elementary, and the carols possess little or no beauty as we maderstand it. Still they are extremely interesting as being almost the only existing English

music of the century that has not been tampered with. The composer's name is not attached to them, but the editor inclines to the opinion that they are the work of John Dunstable, the contemporary of the Flemish composer Dufay, and generally regarded as equal, if not superior, to him. Thanks are due to the authorities of Trinity College for permitting the publication of this valuable volume.

Songs by Edmund and George Armstrong. Set to Music by J. C. Culwick, Op. 10.—Six Songs. By H. J. Wood, Op. 15. (Weekes & Co.)—Mr. Culwick's songs are ambitious in design, and the musicianship is excellent, though the composer does not evince much individuality. Apparently he has written more for the concertroom than the salon, as his accompaniments are scarcely within the means of ordinary amateurs, at any rate for reading at sight.—The songs of Mr. Wood can be warmly commended as being not too elaborate, but yet superior in elegance and workmanship to ordinary ballads. The words are uniformly well chosen.

We have also received Songs of Two Savoyards (Chappell & Co.), being a collection of the most popular ditties in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. They form a handsome royal octavo volume, with humorous illustrations by Mr. W. S. Gilbert, and would make an elegant Christmas present.

Musical Cossip.

Señor Sarasate repeated Max Bruch's Concerto in D minor, No. 3, at his second concert on Friday last week, and the work certainly improves on acquaintance, though we cling to the opinion that the adagio is the best and the finale the weakest of the three movements. The Spanish violinist also played Saint-Saëns's Concerto in B minor, and his own extraordinary Fantasia on Themes from 'Carmen.' Mr. Cusins's orchestra was heard in one of Bach's suites and in Grieg's 'Peer Gynt' Suite, the latter work being very tamely rendered.

The principal items in the programme of last Saturday's Popular Concert were Beethoven's Quartet in E minor, Op. 59, No. 2; Mendelssohn's Trio in D minor, Op. 49; and two movements from Bach's Violin Sonata in D minor. M. Ysaye was again the leader, and he played the Bach movements very finely, but it was impossible to admire his reading of the quartet, and, whether from lack of rehearsal or not we are unable to say, his colleagues did not invariably understand his intentions. The pianist, Miss Mathilde Wurm, gave a delicate, though not a striking performance of Chopin's Ballade in F minor, Op. 52; and Mrs. Helen Trust (inadvertently described as "Miss Trust" last week) was the vocalist. The lady last named displayed her remarkably pure and highly trained voice in airs by Giordani and Grieg.

MISS MACINTYRE has been engaged to sing at M. Colonne's concerts at the Paris Châtelet theatre on December 6th.

The Wind Instrument Chamber Music Society still elect to give their concerts in the Royal Academy concert-room, which is not licensed for public performances. The first concert of the present season was announced for Friday evening this week, with an interesting programme. Mr. Clinton's quintet of instrumentalists will no longer take part in the society's work, as an offer for four concerts out of six was declined. The committee state that for various reasons variety in the executive seems desirable, but Mr. Clinton's quintet consider that their services in the past claim fuller recognition, and they will therefore give three concerts on their own responsibility early in the new year.

The performances of the Royal Academy students at the chamber concert given in St. James's Hall on Monday afternoon were generally commendable. It is, perhaps, in-

vidious to particularize, but special mention may with justice be made of Miss Ethel Barns for her vigorous violin playing as leader in Beethoven's Quartet in c minor, Op. 18, No. 4, and of Miss Edith Hands (Parepa-Rosa Scholar) for her distinct enunciation and excellent vocal method in the air "God shall wipe away all tears" from Sullivan's 'The Light of the World.' Three Gaelic melodies for voice, with accompaniment for harp and strings, by Mr. Charles Macpherson, are decidedly clever.

Ar the Popular Concert in the evening M. de Munck made his first appearance as the violon-cellist, and created a favourable, if not a striking impression. Mr. Leonard Borwick also made his first appearance this season, and played Grieg's Ballade in a minor, Op. 24, exceedingly well. The piece, which is virtually an air with variations, is not in the Norwegian composer's most inspired manner. The principal features in the programme were Mozart's Quartet in D. generally known as No. 7; two of Schumann's 'Stücke im Volkston' for piano and violoncello, Op. 102; and Schumann's Trio in a minor, Op. 110. Mr. Reginald Groome was the vocalist.

At the second concert of the Musical Guild on Tuesday evening the young performers introduced Rheinberger's Nonet for Strings and Wind in E flat, a clever, though scarcely an inspired work. The programme likewise contained Dvorak's Pianoforte Quintet in A, Op. 81, and Max Bruch's Romance in A for violin, Op. 42, the last item being well played by Mr. Arthur Bent. Madame Emily Squire gave much satisfaction in songs by Lotti and Purcell.

The programme of the first Ballad Concert of the season on Wednesday evening was of the usual character, the artists who appeared being Mesdames Mary Davies, Maggie Davies, Sterling, Alice Gomez, and Nettie Carpenter, and Messrs. Lloyd, Maybrick, and Santley. Of the new ballads the most meritorious was 'The Bee and the Song,' words and music by Mr. F. E. Weatherly. Mr. Eaton Faning's Select Choir rendered some madvigals and part-songs with good effect.

Reference to our calendar of musical events for the present week will show that concerts were unusually numerous on Wednesday, and several interesting performances must necessarily pass without notice.

The Stratford "Musical Festival," a kind of English Eisteddfod, will take place on March 26th and 28th next. During the past nine years nearly 2,000 competitors have presented themselves for the various prizes, the value of which has amounted to 315/.

M. BRUNEAU's 'Le Rêve' was produced at the Monnaie theatre, Brussels, on Thursday last week, and was received with more favour than might have been expected, both by the press and the public.

HERR BRUCKNER has been accorded the degree of Doctor in Philosophy, honoris causa, by the University of Vienna. The German universities, it may be added, do not grant musical degrees.

RUBINSTEIN has, it is stated, completed the score of his grand sacred opera 'Moses,' in eight parts or acts. He has also lately written a cantata for female voices, and six romances.

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DRAMA

LEWIS WINGFIELD.

Few men have led a life more adventurous than that of the Hon. Lewis Strange Wingfield, who died on Thursday, the 12th inst., at his residence, 14, Montague Place, W.C., and was buried on Monday in Kensal Green Cemetery. Few men also have approached or attained excellence in so many different lines. The son of the late and brother of the present Viscount Powerscourt, he was born February 25th, 1842, and educated at Eton and Bonn. His wish to follow the example of his two elder brothers and join the army was resisted by his mother, who knew the delicacy of his constitution, and was anxious to save him from exposure and risk. An unforeseen consequence of his yielding to her wish was that the dangers were multiplied, since wherever fighting was to be seen Wingfield was in it. It is difficult to chronicle his various pursuits. While almost a boy he acted at the Haymarket Theatre. He travelled in the East, and, according to a biographer in the Morning Post, was one of the first to obtain permission to journey in China. As a painter he had considerable skill, and exhibited four pictures at the Royal Academy. He wrote many plays and novels, the most celebrated and successful of the latter being 'Lady Grizel.' 'Wanderings of a Globe Trotter' is his last published work. To a London evening paper he contributed under the title "White Tyghe" some pungent theatrical criticism. In theatricals he retained to the last a strong interest, and many of the most artistic productions on the London stage were given under his direction as regards the entire mise en scène. One of the latest of these was the 'Antony and Cleopatra of Mrs. Langtry. During the French and German war and the siege of Paris he wrote communications for the *Times* and the *Daily* Telegraph. During his residence in Paris he attended to the wounded, and with characteristic conscientiousness and impetuosity took a surgical degree. He discovered by personal knowledge the body of Regnault, the celebrated painter, who was shot in a sortie, and cut the number from his coat. The body was never recovered, though all facilities were given by the Germans, and another corpse was chosen as the vicarious recipient of a public funeral. After the siege was raised Wingfield came home. So soon, however, as he heard of the outbreak of the Commune, he returned and was in the thick of the fighting. After joining the English army in the Soudan he was long in hospital in Egypt. Recently he took for his health a voyage to Australia. Wingfield's entire life, indeed, was a romance. In the houses he successively occupied—8, Maida Vale; 47, Mecklenburgh Square; and 14, Montague Place—he collected a wonderful number of articles of vertu and art. His last residence contains some mar-vellously fine things, including a life-size mounted figure in Japanese armour of the richest kind. This is probably unique in Europe, and should be secured by some public institu-tion. In everything except his friendships he was apt to be inconstant, and his interest in a pursuit sometimes vanished when the difficulties were overcome. He was a man, however, of unwavering loyalty and of extreme personal charm. Wingfield married in June, 1868, the Hon. Cecilia Emily Emma Fitzpatrick, daughter of the first Lord Castletown, who survives.

Aramatic Cossip.

At the close of the Daly Company's season at the Lyceum, on Friday in last week, Miss Ada Rehan delivered with much effect a short speech to the audience. The house will reopen shortly before Christmas with 'The Corsican Brothers and 'Nance Oldfield,' and Mr. Irving will reserve for the new year the long-promised production of 'Henry VIII.'

MISS MAUDE MILLETT now plays at the Avenue the heroine of Mr. Jones's drama, 'The Cru-saders,' and gives an impersonation that is more forcible than that of Miss Winifred Emery, if less seductive. Some slight compression has been exercised, and the work, it is satisfactory to find, goes with spirit and with every promise of enduring success. As literature and drama it amply repays a visit.

Mr. Wyndham will appear forthwith at the Criterion in 'Brighton,' Frank Marshall's alteration of Mr. Bronson Howard's 'Saratoga.' A novelty will probably follow early in the new

'HOOK AND EYE,' a comedietta which is said to have been previously seen in the country, has been added to the bill at the Opéra Comique, at which 'The American' remains the chief

'COUSIN JACK' is the title of a three-act farce from the German by Mr. Hermann Vezin, produced on Thursday afternoon in last week at the Opéra Comique. It is an old-fashioned piece, the unmistakable lesson of which is that it is better to trust to ordinary postal arrangements than select as a bearer of letters a kind-hearted, but rather muddle-headed old gentleman. The adapter played the central figure, and Mr. Foss and Miss Beatrice Lamb were included in the

DURING the past week Mrs. Langtry has been playing at the Grand Theatre in 'Antony and Cleopatra,' with the scenery and effects originally exhibited at the Princess's.

A VERSION of 'Hans the Boatman' is promised by Mr. Edouin for a series of afternoon performances at the Strand at Christmas.

HYPATIA is said to be the subject of the forthcoming novelty at the Haymarket, the author of which is alleged to be a Mr. Ogilvy.

The Dramatic Peerage is the title of a compilation by Messrs. Erskine Reid and Herbert Compton (Raithby, Lawrence & Co.), giving the lives of the best-known actors and actresses. This has now reached its second year. The lives are brightly written, and the volume is calculated to be serviceable. Dates of birth must not in every instance be too closely scrutinized. The list is extensive, but not complete. Those who have retired from the stage are rarely men-We find thus the name of Mrs. Bancroft, but not the names of Mrs. Keeley and Mrs. Stirling, which one would expect to find in a peerage.

FROM Mr. R. Thomas, of Highbury Park, we have received an admirably executed bronze medal portrait of Mr. Henry Irving. Such works have the advantage of being proof against the ravages of time. Two hundred and fifty in all have been struck off and will soon be The likeness is excellent, and the absorbed. medal, which we have compared with those of Cooke and John Kemble, is a work of

MR. AUGUSTIN DALY'S books on the stage are known and prized by dramatic collectors, and are among the handsomest and costliest publications of their class. Few people are aware, however, that Mr. Daly is himself a collector, and has in America a theatrical library of singular interest and value.

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